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# FURY OVER STREETS OF SEWAGE

FAMILIES are kicking up a stink after raw sewage flooded a road regularly used by parents to walk their young children to school.

Human excrement spilled out in Otterden Close, Stanhope, after contractors, working on a nearby housing project, partially blocked a sewer.

And locals say the smell was so bad they were forced to keep their doors and windows shut.

Roy French who lives in the close, told Yourashford: "There was muck

#### BY **ED HILL**

and toilet paper all over the road and the smell was just appalling.

"The problem has been going on for about a week. You could not have your windows open because of the stench.

"It's not good when you have children having to walk through the stuff to get to school."

Parents of children attending the nearby Linden Grove Primary School say the situation was unbearable, with fears raised over possible health risks as both they and their youngsters walked through the muck and then into the school and homes.

Dozens of children have suffered stomach bugs and parents believe the sewage spill is to blame.

One worried mum said: "I've got a little baby at home crawling on the floor and then my daughter comes home with who-knows-what on her shoes. You could see some kids with loo roll stuck to their feet after they had stood on it. It was disgusting."

The problem occurred when contractors Denne, working on foundations of

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#### STAR LIGHTS UP TOWN

TV presenter Stephen Mulhern was greeted by hundreds of shoppers as he took a break from preparing for panto to switch on the lights at Park Mall.

The star of CiTV's Ministry of Mayhem appeared on Saturday, and lit up the shopping centre in blue and white lights.

This weekend he starts his role in the Marlowe Theatre's production of Aladdin in Canterbury.

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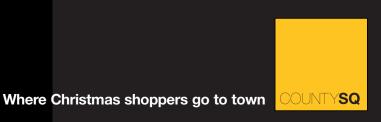
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# Service pays tribute to Lord Deedes

#### BY **CHRIS BRITCHER**

BARONESS Thatcher, Conservative leader David Cameron and 700 friends and family paid tribute to former Ashford MP Lord Deedes at a special memorial service on Monday.

Lord Deedes, who lived in Aldington up until his death in August, aged 94, served time as a soldier, as a Government minister and as a newspaper editor during a glittering career.

The great and good turned out to remember him at the Guards Chapel in Wellington Barracks, London, to pay their final respects.

The chapel overlooks the parade ground where he marched when he was in the Queen's Westminsters; the Territorial Army battalion which he joined in 1938.

He had an illustrious career in journalism, writing his first story for a newspaper in 1931 and his last, nearly eight decades later, just weeks before his death.

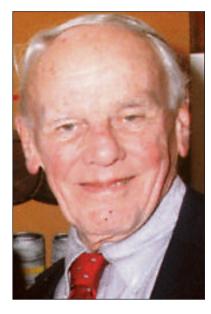
As a young reporter, he was sent to Abyssinia in 1935 to cover Mussolini's impending invasion.

There he met the writer Evelyn Waugh, who was reporting for the Daily Mail. Waugh famously based the bumbling character of William Boot on Deedes in his novel Scoop. From 1941, he served as an officer

From 1941, he served as an officer with the King's Royal Rifle Corps and was awarded the Military Cross for his bravery when, under enemy fire, he saved the lives of men in Holland.

Lord Deedes was the only surviving officer in his company in the war and he once said the thought of cricket at Canterbury helped him survive.

After the war, Deedes entered politics and was elected Conservative MP for Ashford in 1950.



**GREAT MAN:** Lord Deedes was elected as Conservative MP for Ashford in 1950

Churchill made him a junior minister in the housing ministry four years later and in 1962, Harold Macmillan appointed Deedes to the Cabinet, as minister with responsibility for information.

Deedes remained an MP until 1974, when he was offered the editorship of the Daily Telegraph.

Former Daily Telegraph editor Charles Moore said: "Winston Churchill made him a minister. Harold Macmillan put him in the Cabinet. Margaret Thatcher made him a peer. Denis Thatcher made him have another pink gin at the 19th hole.

"Bill covered the abdication of King Edward VIII, and he travelled, in his campaign to rid the world of landmines, with Diana, Princess of Wales.

"He saw Africa with Evelyn Waugh in 1935, and with her more than 60 years later."

The Deedes family home in Aldington is currently on the market.

# 'Everyone is just passing the buck'

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new homes, drilled into an existing drain. They then filled the hole with concrete which partially blocked the sewer.

Mr French said: "I phoned the council, but they said it was to do with the housing association, Moat. They then told me it was to do with Denne.

"They said it was to do with Southern Water. Everyone seems to be passing the buck all the time."

The sewage spill is the latest in a list of ongoing problems the work is causing residents.

Leilah Nicola, spokesperson for Southern Water, said: "Our contractors and the developer worked to address this spillage as a matter of urgency. This incident was caused by a third party and was beyond our control.

"Additional pumps are in place to try and safeguard this from happening again. We want to reassure our customers we are working as quickly as possible to complete these essential works with the full co-operation of the housing developer."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Police investigating mysterious site fire

A BLAZE which caused £9,000 of damage is being investigated by police.

The fire took place on Friday around 8pm at a commercial site on Smarden Road in Biddenden.

The blaze destroyed a burger bar, garden tractor and scrap cars that were parked at the site.

Crime scene investigators were called to the scene and completed their investigations the following morning.

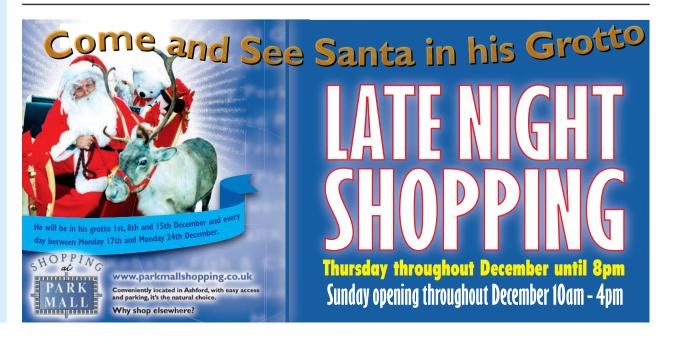
Anyone with information regarding the fire should call 01303 289180.

## Unprovoked knife attack on lady cyclist

A WOMAN is recovering after a knifewielding attacker was disturbed as he pounced in broad daylight.

The victim was cycling along the footpath near the footbridge which links Leacon Road to Clockhouse last Wednesday when a man stopped her.

He produced a knife and struggled with the woman who received a cut to the arm. A member of the public shouted at the man who then ran off



# Wii're flying off the shelves once again

#### BY ED HILL

IT'S the must-have Christmas gift for the second year running – but if you want any chance of grabbing one you'll have to be quicker than Super Mario himself.

Demand for the Nintendo Wii video game console is so quickly outstripping supplies, stocks are flying off the shelves of local retailers with parents caught in a stampede as they look to bag one of the latest generation machines.

When the last batch arrived at the Gamestation store in New Rents last week all 24 disappeared in two and a half hours.

Adam Aldridge from the store explained: "The problem for us is it is very unpredictable because between now and Christmas we don't know when they are going to turn up."

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The knock-on effect is seeing sales of rival machines the Sony PlayStation 3 and Microsoft's Xbox 360 rocket – prompting fears they too could soon be in short supply.

A spokesman for the Game store in County Square added: "Although we're receiving regular deliveries from Nintendo, Sony and Microsoft and getting the products onto the shelves as fast as we can – it's possible that demand will outstrip supplies on some products. A good example is the Nintendo Wii, which has been hugely popular all through the year"

The Wii has captured the imagination with its innovative motion sensor controllers allowing players to get actively involved in the games they play.

At almost half the price of the new Sony machine, it has restored the Japanese giant's reputation to the forefront of gaming.

Mr Aldridge said: "It is a genius idea. It allows people to interact with the game.



**POPULAR:** Nintendo's Wii and Super Mario games are continuing to prove a popular buy for Christmas

"It is really great for kids because it gets them off their feet."  $\,$ 

Launched a year ago, the Wii became one of the fastest-selling games' consoles in history. It has been suggested that the supply problems are deliberately caused by Nintendo in order to boost its desirability - claims denied by the firm

# Talk about hospital concerns at forum

A MEETING of the East Kent Hospital Trust's patient and public involvement forum will be held today at Hawkinge Community Centre.

And high on the agenda will be mounting concerns over hygiene following the recent high-profile outbreaks of superbugs MRSA and C diff in Maidstone.

The East Kent Trust includes the William Harvey as well as other major hospitals in Canterbury and Folkestone.

Other issues will range from the cleanliness of hospital toilets to the care of stroke patients.

Debbie Boulares who is a member of the forum, said: "The whole idea of the forum is that the public can raise any concerns they have about their hospitals. We are then able to take up these issues with the Trust.

"There have been particular concerns about hospital-acquired infections which I know is at the forefront of people's minds at the moment."

The meetings are held every month at the centre, with an informal get-together next taking place on Friday, December 7, at 9.30am.

Today's forum runs from 2-4.30pm.



### Eurostar to invest in station

EUROSTAR has announced it will be investing a further £750,000 in Ashford's International Station – just weeks after they pulled services to Brussels.

The company will be refurbishing the footbridge which links the check-in gates and the car park.

The money will mean a total of £1.5m will be invested by the company in the station over the coming months, despite its decision to cancel services to Brussels and halve the number of trains to Paris.

Other improvements include a new CCTV system in the car park and a refurbished contact centre which employs 300 people.

The company recently opened its new £100m international station at Ebbsfleet, which has now taken over many of the services from Ashford. Many had feared this would lead to an inevitable downgrading of the facilities at Ashford.

Council leader Paul Clokie said:
"While we believe Eurostar's decision to cut some services from
Ashford is a mistake we welcome
the added investment which shows
its commitment to the town."

# Meat firm set to avoid rap over shocking claims

A MEAT distribution firm which supplied schools, care homes, government offices, hospitals and a string of top London hotels has been blasted for alleged serious breaches of health, safety and hygiene laws.

But despite a probe following a BBC investigation, no action will be taken against Mclaren Foods Ltd, whose headquarters were based on the Beaver Road Industrial Estate, as it has been in administration since March.

Its customers included the Treasury, the Foreign Office and hotels the Dorchester and Claridges, as well as other West End outlets.

Despite its website claiming it is 'dedicated to excellence' and boasting of holding Food Standards Agency licences, a former employee this week blew the lid on shocking revelations, some of which he claims date back years.

Alan Castell, a former driver at

one of the company's satellite distribution centres in Chelmsford, told the BBC: "In the back of the van it was quite often rotten meat. Even once you'd turned the fridge up to chill the van out and to reduce the smell, every time you opened the door it would hit you straight away."

He also claimed raw and cooked meat was often stored close to each other – running the risk of contamination.

Mr Castell was so appalled by the conditions he took photographic evidence to his local environmental health officers in Essex.

An initial investigation, after officials gave notice of their visit, revealed the Chelmsford site met standards – but the company closed down just weeks later due to financial problems.

Senior executives at the company refused to comment on the allegations

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### Villagers ready for soup-er day

PARISHIONERS at St Mary Magdalene Church in Ruckinge are holding their annual Warm up for Winter Day on Saturday.

The event has been staged for the past 20 years at the church and proves a popular fundraiser.

Mary Sillibourne, who runs the day, said: "It was something we decided to do because we used to have a Christmas fair. It's a way of getting people together to sit and relax before the rush of Christmas begins. We always hold it on the first Saturday of December."

Members of the congregation each make a batch of soup to share with other villagers. There will also be cakes and other Christmas goods for sale.

Mrs Sillibourne said: "It gives people the opportunity to sit and chat and have a good time. It also helps raise a little money for the church."

The event will start at 11.30am and finish at 2.30pm.

### Pub reopened after big blaze

THE Fox pub in Willesborough has risen from the ashes and on Friday night opened its doors once again for business.

The Hythe Road drinking hole was severely damaged after a blaze ripped through the ground floor.

The fire, which caused extensive damage to the ground floor, was so severe the pub's landlord was forced to shut up shop for the last two months.

But on Friday it was once again welcoming its loyal regulars back after undergoing extensive renovation.

And to mark the occasion, local rock singer Ricky Fontayne provided the musical entertainment, performing as part of the evening's celebrations.

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You tell us what you like - and dislike – about living in Ashford

# Don't fall into the debt trap, warns Reverend

A LEADING church figure has warned families not to let debts spiral out of control this Christmas.

She has also warned how commercialism threatens to spoil what is traditionally the most sacred time of the Christian calendar.

The Rev Sheila McLachlan from Kingsnorth, area dean of the Church of England, has also urged those suffering from the stresses and strains of the festive season to seek solace and support from their local church.

Speaking to Yourashford, she said: "There is the growing reality that as of January 2 you have to start paying back the debts that you have run up at Christmas.

"More and more we are seeing people get increasingly in trouble due to debt at this time of the year.

"There are also a lot of extras stresses and challenges in family relationships.

"I think it is important to get the message

BY **ED HILL** 

across that the borough's churches, in the form of the people who serve them – such as the ministers – are just a phone call away for those that are stressed out and can't take any more.

"It is important there is someone for people to turn to when the tension becomes too much.

The Reverend said she expected attendances to peak at Christmas and that the church had adopted new styles of services to get young people involved.

She said: "Attendances, not surprisingly, increase at Christmas and I think Ashford is similar to most towns in that respect.

"We will be holding our Christingle services that are specifically aimed at children.

"Of course we will be having our usual carol services. The church is not just about the people who we see every week on a Sunday; it is about engaging with the community throughout the week. That is the side where we touch people's lives."

But she added she believed people are growing increasingly tired of the commercialism that surrounds the festive season.

She said: "There is a need for people to touch base with the real meaning of Christmas; it should be more than just having a party.

"We celebrate Christmas, which is the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, but would you celebrate any other birthday without the birthday boy being there?

'You normally give a gift to the person whose birthday it is.'

Rev McLachlan added: "There is a church in every community, but it's not just about the building it is about the people as well. Most people are only a walk away from their church.

"I love Christmas of course. This is the defining moment of Christianity. It is the moment God sent his son to be among us.'



#### **SQUARE ALL SET FOR FESTIVITIES**

**CHRISTMAS** has arrived at County Square with the shopping centre decked out with festive

Brand new lights and a tree arrived in time to coincide with the start of late night shopping

**Frances Burt, County Square commercial** manager, said: "We love this time of year at the centre. This year we wanted to create the most spectacular Christmas atmosphere the centre has ever experienced.

"We searched long and hard to source the best decorations and it was well worth the effort because County Square looks fantastic." Late night shopping runs every Thursday night from this week with stores opening until 8pm.

To mark tomorrow night's activities there will be live music, free mince pies and wine and even a magician entertaining the crowds. Santa's elves will also be handing out free candy canes

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**ON THE BALL:** Mike Delaney passed on skills tips and introduced Futsal to young players at Ashford School

# Becks coach passes on footy skills

A TOP football coach who has worked with players including David Beckham and Ronaldinho visited children at Ashford School on Friday - looking to focus on the future after England's recent dismal displays.

Mike Delaney is responsible for choreographing slick football adverts commissioned by sports wear giants such as adidas, which star some of the world's biggest

But he swapped the glitz of the top talents for a flying visit to the town to promote his skills academy and a new form of fivea-side football called Futsal.

Mr Delaney said: "Futsal is a game that is like five-a-side football, but the ball is not played off the walls. The ball is smaller and slightly heavier, so it bounces less than a normal ball.

"You have 12 players in a squad and you keep rotating players throughout the game. It is a quick game that can be tactical. It encourages a lot of skill."

The game has been played abroad for

BY **ED HILL** 

many years but is only just beginning to raise its profile in the UK.

Mr Delaney said: "Many children in this country don't know what Futsal is, but many of the foreign players I work with know it really well. For example, Ronaldinho says the skills he learnt playing Futsal helped him in his professional career.'

During a skills session with the children, the coach showed the full range of his tricks and encouraged the children to have a go themselves at the new techniques.

The public school recently started running evening classes administered by Mr Delaney's skills academy.

Janet James, head of PE, said: "We have a course here on Mondays and Fridays after school. The children that come are really enjoying it and the numbers are growing all the time. That shows how popular it is because word of mouth is urging more and more to come and learn these skills.

Watch the coach's skills in action by logging on to our free broadband TV channel at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Pets are for life, not **VIEW THIS CLIP ON** iust for Christmas

THE manager of the RSPCA cattery has warned people to be more responsible when buying pets especially in the run-up to Christmas.

Leslie Young, manager of the cattery, warned: "People rarely think of the extra costs involved such as vaccinations and general welfare." The centre re-homed more than 600 cats from

around the Ashford area last year.

Take a look around the cattery and learn more about its day-to-day working by logging on to our free broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk - and visiting the community channel.

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**NEWS** IN BRIEF

#### Vet's excitement at the opening of new surgery

PET owners now have a new veterinary practice to take their poorly pooch or moggy to.

The new surgery will open at the Pets at Home store on the Gallaghers Retail Park off Norman Road.

The Companion Care store will be headed by vet Cormac Higgins.

Mr Higgins said: "I am very excited about our surgery. It is a modern and well-equipped practice, and has all the facilities required for small animal care.

"I have always wanted to run my own practice, and now this has become a reality."

The new surgery will be part of a national network of surgeries based in Pets at Home stores.

Mr Higgins said: "We will be a fully functioning veterinary practice with modern in-house laboratory, X-ray, surgical equipment and expertise.

"This will enable us to react to all pet illnesses and emergencies and promote the benefits of preventative healthcare for the long term health and happiness of Ashford's pets.'

#### Lay-by thieves drive off with all-terrain vehicle

AN UNUSUAL amphibious vehicle has been stolen from a lay-by in Bethersden.

The Argocat all-terrain amphibious vehicle was taken between 4.30pm and 5.30pm on November 19, from the Church Hill lay-by, along with the trailer it was sitting on.

The vehicle is estimated to be worth £15,000. Its trailer is described as having a meshed ramped back and is worth a further £15,000.

The Agrocat also had an outboard motor bracket mounted on the back.

Anyone with information regarding the theft should call police on 01303 289180.

#### **Weald artists to paint a** pretty Christmas picture

THE Weald of Kent Art Group will be holding its Christmas exhibition from December 3-9 at Tenterden Town Hall.

The show will include works from both professional and amateur artists and will be open from 10am-5pm.

Exhibiting members use a variety of mediums including watercolours, oils and, increasingly, acrylics.

All the works at the exhibition will be available for sale. Prices begin at £20.

A preview will be held on Sunday at 7pm when people can enjoy a glass of wine and talk to the artists about their work.

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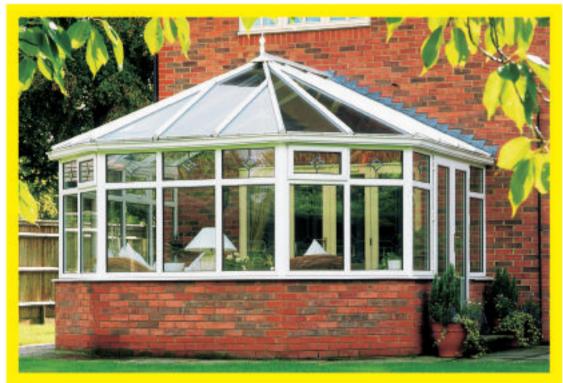




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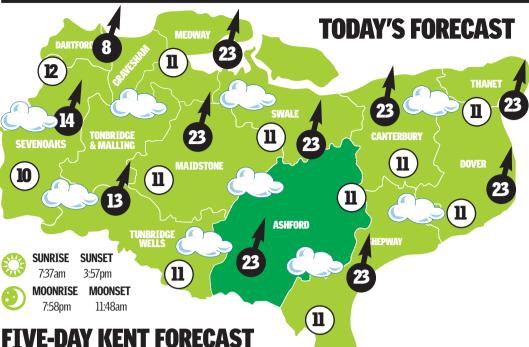
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yourashford **NEWS** IN BRIEF

#### A house and cars hit by vandals on tagging spree

A SPATE of graffiti has hit New Romney causing thousands of pounds worth of damage.

During a six-day period earlier this month, three vehicles and the front door of a house were sprayed with paint.

In Churchlands, a white van had the word 'tagged' sprayed on both sides. On the same day a car and the front door of a home were sprayed with gold paint. The front door had the word 'Tayley' sprayed across it.

The vandalism continued when a minibus was targeted in Station Road. The total cost of the damage is estimated at £1,600.

PC Will Glennie said: "When caught the offender or offenders will be dealt with severely."

#### Campaign's warning over less 'attractive' drugs

DRUGS charity KCA has launched a new campaign aimed at raising awareness of lesser-known substances

The counselling organisation, which has a branch in Beaver Road, unveiled its 'Not Just Heroin' campaign in a bid to tackle problems with drugs that don't always make the headlines such as Ketamine and steroids.

It says the stereotypical image of heroin addicts often masks the problems other drugs create for society. It also warns about the increasing levels of people taking a cocktail of drugs.

The drop in centre is at 171 Beaver Road and is open on Mondays between 1pm-4.30pm and Wednesdays between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.

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#### **QUESTION** & ANSWER

#### KITTY BROOK



#### What does the Rotary Club in Ashford do? What does it hope to achieve?

A The Rotary Club of Ashford, of which I am the second lady president, is part of a world-wide service organisation of professional and business people. We are united by the ideals of service to both the local community and world-wide humanitarian causes. Each year the president nominates their own charity and I have chosen to support the children of Wyvern School, near Great Chart, which teaches children with special educational needs. We recently raised money to help buy play sacks for the school that are bags filled with toys and educational study aids to help the children learn through play.

We are involved in many fundraising activities. This year, 11 of our members collected money from around the town as part of Children in Need. We managed to raise £1,170. Four of the group wore animal costumes for the event. They had a great time and told us they got a great response from the children.

We also hold many events which our members attend including special guest talks from important members of the community.

#### How long have you been associated with Ashford? How did you come to be here?

A I have lived in Wye for the last ten years. When my husband retired from his position as a doctor in general practice in Maidstone we looked for a place to suit all our requirements. We found a new development in

the heart of this Kentish village which was absolutely ideal.

#### What do you like about the town and the surrounding area?

Ashford has the infrastructure for a potentially vibrant town and there are many peaceful areas of natural beauty.

#### How has the town changed over the years?

My earliest memories of Ashford were the visits I made during the late 1960s and early 70s, when the focal point was the town's central market and I found the hustle and bustle absolutely great.

#### Do you welcome the changes that are happening to the town?

A We must move forward into the new century and I am very hopeful that when the present works are complete we shall see a great improvement in the ambiance of Ashford town centre and a return of that old atmosphere.

#### Ashford is a now a major transport link to Europe. How do you feel about Europe?

A The downgrading of the International Station means that Ashford can no longer claim to be the gateway to Europe and this deeply disappoints me. Ashford has lost a great asset to the town.

Having been born in Amsterdam and with some of my family still living there, this has made my journey much longer and complicated and I doubt that I shall travel as often as I used to. Having acquired British citizenship, my feelings are ambivalent to Europe; I hope we will never lose our unique identity.

#### **Q**Do you have a secret hobby or interest that people might be surprised to learn about?

My hobby over the last 15 years has been creating a very well furnished dolls house. I have decorated it and installed electricity. It has a show kitchen with blue and white (some real Delft) pottery, there are two original commissioned paintings in the house.

#### What do you like about modern life? What do you dislike?

Modern life has made communication and travel open to all. My pet hates are loutish behaviour and the lack of courtesy on the roads.

#### Did you have any childhood heroes?

My childhood hero was conductor Bernard Haitink, whom I saw as a young schoolgirl conduct at the Amsterdam Concert Gebouw. This led to my life-long love of classical music.

Kitty Brook, president of the Ashford Rotary Club, talks to **Ed Hill** about life in the town and the club's role in the community and also about her artistic side and what art can mean to the community



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Watch young hoofers in a film of highlights from last month's Kent Dance Challenge event staged in Maidstone. Dance schools from across the county took part in the competition. See the video in the 'Arts and Leisure' section of Community TV.



#### Not just for Christmas

Discover the work that goes into running one of the RSPCA's cat rehoming centres. Many cats are there because their owners no longer want them. You can see the film at the 'Animals' section of Community TV. Why not upload a video of your own group or charity?





### History on your doorstep

This ancient building may be surrounded by modern traffic, but it the largest Norman keep in Kent. It was built in 1085 and was first used as a prison. You can find out more of the building's intriguing story at the 'Historic/Heritage' section of Community TV.





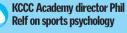
#### How to look and feel good

There were more than 100 exhibitors offering treatments, products and advice at the Big Blue in Chatham, when KOS Media held its Look Good Feel Good Show 2007. If vou want to see some of the treats on offer during the day, go to the 'Arts and Leisure' section of Community TV.



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# Christmas time, mistletoe and wine...

...inspirational gift ideas, a market, a carousel and a 75ft Christmas tree. Bluewater's Christmas market opens on the 1st December.

Bluewater has Christmas wrapped up.





# Why drivers need to prepare for winter



**SNOW GOOD:** Drivers have been told not to travel in bad weather

#### BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

DRIVERS have been warned to remain alert in the run-up to Christmas despite the recent mild weather.

While the county's roads have so far remained ice and snow free, Highways Agency bosses have urged motorists not to become complacent.

The warning follows a survey of more than 1,300 drivers, which showed most throw caution to the wind when faced with windy or other extreme weather conditions.

More than 62 per cent of men questioned said they would continue with their journey regardless of a severe weather warning – compared with just 44 per cent of women.

The survey also highlighted the different approach taken by various age groups.

Only 40 per cent of drivers aged 65 and over would continue driving with heavy rain, ice or snow forecast. Whereas 65 per cent of 18-24 year olds said they would risk the journey regardless of warnings of hazardous weather.

The startling statistics has led to the launch of the Safe Driving in Severe Weather scheme, which aims to raise awareness of the treacherous road conditions seen in the winter.

Road safety minister Jim Fitzpatrick warned at the launch of the scheme in Maidstone: "The recent mild weather brings a risk that drivers could be lulled into a false sense of security.

"That is why we're offering a timely reminder to road users to plan their journeys and listen out for weather warnings.

"The British winter is not just about ice and

"As we have seen this year, heavy rain, strong winds and fog are as much a part of the British climate and they can make driving hazardous.

#### **TOP TIPS**

Plan your journey well in advance

**Check** for weather warnings on radio, TV and web

**Listen** to the travel news while you are on the road

If bad weather arrives, slow down and adapt your driving to suit the conditions

**If** conditions get too bad find a safe place to stop until the weather improves

"So make sure you and your vehicle are ready for winter. The last thing you want is to be stuck on a cold, wet or windy motorway hard shoulder."

Mr Fitzpatrick's warning was echoed by senior Met Office forecaster Alex Hill, who said: "Climate change is leading to milder and wetter winters in the UK.

"As we have seen this year, there is an increased risk of heavy rainfall, which can produce spray and surface water.

"Fog and strong winds can also be a problem. The severe gales last January and the floods in July all go to show just how variable and treacherous the weather can be.

"Even the milder winter weather doesn't mean we can be complacent.

"There is still the possibility of some colder spells, so drivers should be prepared for this too."

Up-to-date information on road conditions on England's motorways and A roads is available on the Highways Agency website at www.highways.gov.uk, from the new Traffic Radio service on digital radio or at www.trafficradio.org.uk or by calling the 24-hour automated phone service on 08700 660 115.

# Four fifths of rapists never end up in court

LESS THAN one in five rapes reported to the police in Kent ended with the attacker being punished by the law, new figures have shown.

Last year there were 231 reports of women being raped, but only 43 people were convicted – 18.6 per cent – according to police data.

Low conviction rates, trauma and fear of not being believed have left many women unwilling to press charges against their attacker.

Support groups, including Victim Support Kent and the East Kent Rape Crisis Centre, have called for more funding to support victims and a drive to change negative attitudes towards how rapes are dealt with.

Police say they are determined to improve detection and conviction rates of the life-shattering crime.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Fotheringham, from the public protection unit, said: "We are committed to supporting victims of rape and sexual assaults."

"These horrifying crimes inflict misery and trauma on those who have been attacked, as well as affecting the lives of their loved ones."

He said police wanted victims to feel confident that their case would be treated "professionally and with empathy".

## RSPCA need your help to home unwanted pets

ANIMAL-loving volunteers are being asked to join the RSPCA to help find new homes for unwanted pets.

The charity is looking for helpers to carry out home visits to prospective owners, talking them through the requirements of the animal and ensuring the accommodation, exercise area and fencing are adequate.

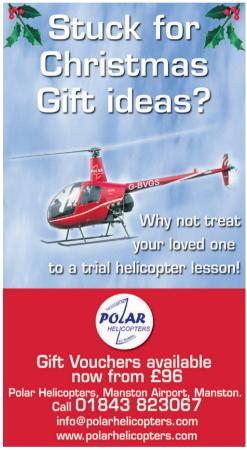
An RSPCA spokesman said: "We're looking for new home visitors who can offer anything from as little as one hour a week to help find good homes for the animals."

Full training will be given and expenses will be met by the national animal welfare society

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is asked to call Norma Barnden on 01732 848735.









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# Season's greetings





#### **ASHFORD** SHOPPING

## Seasonal singing to get shoppers spending

GET in the festive mood by shopping to the sound of carols at County Square.

The shopping centre, currently undergoing an expansion and improvement programme, is set to host school carol concerts on Thursdays, December 6 and 13, to coincide with late night opening.

Community groups such as the Scouts and Brownies are also expected to perform at the centre on December 20 to sing and raise money for worthy causes.

## Give your loved ones the gift of designer choice

NOT sure what to buy for that special someone this Christmas? Why not give them an Ashford Designer Outlet gift card?

Available for any amount between £5 and £500 it can be redeemed at over 70 stores at the centre.

The card's balance can be checked online or over the phone, and the holder can spend as little or as much as they like of their credit in one transaction.

The cards are available for purchase from the information desk at the outlet.

#### Here to help you survive the excesses of partying

BOOTS has a host of products ready to help get you through the party season.

New Boots Kaneka CoQ10 50mg

New Boots Kaneka CoQ10 50mg (£9.99 for 30 capsules) contains a pure, high quality form of CoQ10 that is identical to the bodys natural form and helps your body release energy from food.

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## Fortnight is dedicated to fairtrade shopping

SHOPPERS are being urged to get behind Fairtrade Fortnight next year.

Running from February 24 to March 8, goods producer Traidcraft is hoping consumers snap up fairtrade products as they continue their fight against poverty through trade.

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NEW TO THE AREA Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate Box 433539 OH MANDY

Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLTM honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639

YOUNG-AT-HEART Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, with curves, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks exciting, fun male for frendship/relationship Box 901893 •

O NEVER SAY NEVER Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

GET IT TOGETHER Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", aver-age build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

FOOTBALL FANATIC

tle down with. Box 430798 **A FINE ROMANCE**Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 **1** 

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Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male

seeking women

eyes, enjoys the beach, cooking, barbecues, clubs, pubs, looking for female mates, maybe more. Box 428658 **D** 

Loving, young 25yr old female with a kind heart and passion for life, short hair, **HELLO GIRLS...** 

HELLO GIRLS... 28yr old friendly female, brown hair/eyes, enjoys keeping fit, sociable events, clubs, dancing, music, WLTM like-minded, slim, attractive woman. Box 432921 **①** 

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#### **MEN'S SPOTLIGHT**

Ramsgate male, 23, 6ft3, loves week ends out on the town, nights in with a drink and movie, country walks, meals out, seeking a genuine female Box

AMAZE ME Cool dude with respect, 24, loves having fun & conversations, social drinker and a N/S, looking for mature lady with brains

vith beauty. Box 431513 THE WANDERER RETURNS 26yr old laid-back guy with a GSOH, into most things in life, looking for a girl to

RESTORE MY FAITH Hopeful male, 26, 6ft2, slim, dark hair. green eyes, enjoys pubs/clubs, nights in, all sports, football, looking for a kind friendly, caring female. Box 426147 ①

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Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialis-ing, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

45yr old thoughtful, reliable male, 5'2", GSOH, gentle personality, love pubs, nights in, gardening etc, WLTM a like-

minded, caring lady for companionship.

STOP: HAMMER TIME Hard-working, loving, loyal, honest man, 45, own home/car, enjoys cinema, West Ham, weekends away, life, lot of love to give, seeking my soulmate, 40-48, slim/medium build. Box 431914

STOP! HAMMER TIME

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46yr male, 5ft7, enjoys cinema, socialis-ing, meals out, long walks on the beach, looking for a special lady, for fun, friend-

Laid-back guy, 46 years old, kids all grown up, looking for friendship, perhaps leading to more with a lady 36-50, with or without kids Box 433410 •

without kids Box 433410 ♥
WINE AND DINE
47yr old easy-going male, 6'1", blue eyes, dark hair, GSOH, seeking a lively female to share weekends away, cosy nights in, cinema and much more. Box 431725 ♥

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Searching for attractive, unattached lady.
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Loyal, honest male, 48, 5'10", medium build, enjoys DIY, gardening, days out, coast, country pubs, seeks loving female with similar interests, 43-55, slim/medium

Open-minded guy, 50's, attractive, GSOH, likes clubs/pubs, dining out, own

home/car/horse, varied interests, seeking slim/medium built female, under 50, with a GSOH. Folkestone area. Box 433274

seeks similar lady to share LTR and

smiles. Box 924095 **1** 

build. Box 899602 🕡 😱

LOTS OF SMILES

HEART OF GOLD!

ship, maybe more Box 432611 **① FAMILY GUY** 

FREE AND SINGLE

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

HOPING FOR MORE 32yr old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly build, love walking my dog, cosy nights in, evenings out, WLTM tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box

430993 CANTERBURY TALE

Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670

RING MY BELLE! HING MY BELLE: Hi, I'm Annabelle, 32, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, divorced, 2 children, WLTM a tall, local man, enjoys sport, shopping and relaxing. Tonbridge. Box 420609

SWEET CAROLINE
Caroline, 32, 5ft10, brown hair, likes
going out, having fun, cinema, seeks out
going male for friendship and more. Box

DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN? Susan, 33, long hair, hazel eyes, tanned, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box

DRIVE ME CRAZY

Creative, happy, loving female, 32, 5ft, blonde/blue eyes, seeks kind, warm, sincere, patient male, with a car, to share my life with. Box 392354

mayoe more. Box 432239 • LOVE TO LAUGH
Full-time mum, 26, loves pubs, clubs, cin-ema, family days out, GSOH, likes social-sing, relaxing, looking for honest, loyal, fun, romantic person who's a N/S. Box 900347 • • Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/leyes, East Peckham, nr Tonbridge, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship leading to more. Box 433107

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**WOMEN'S SPOTLIGHT** 

FANCY THIS?
Natasha, 21, 5'8", WLTM Mr Right. Single mum of 1, like shopping, clubbing, relaxing... Why don't we do these things together? We can if you call! Box 901622 • •

DIG 15 BEAUTIFUL Curry woman, 23, 5ft3, brown hair, likes music, cinema, nights in/out, shopping, looking for honest, kind male, 23-30, for love and romance Box 423971 

■ ON MET 17.

24yr old single mother of 2, very bubbly and fun to be with, looking for happy-go-lucky guy to show me a good time. Box 432026 •

Crystal, 24, brunette, blue eyes, petite, likes music, art, films, swimming, country walks, WLTM friendly guy for friendship

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dining out, staying in with a good bottle of
wine, seeking a tall, kind, considerate
male. Box 431527 
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MAJESTIC IN MARGATE Single mum, 29, 5ft1, brown hair/blue eyes. I'm new to Margate, and I'm looking for a guy with a GSOH, enjoys going out, socialising etc. Box 431105

HONESTY & HUMOUR PLEASE! Attractive female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair/blue eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male dancing, seeking honest, reliable male 27-38 with a gsoh, for friendship possible

CURVACEOUS & VIVACIOUS!
Beautiful, black, curry female, 30, WLTM
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and maybe more. Folkestone. Box

UNTAPPED POTENTIAL Single lady, 31 years old, Maidstone area, enjoys cinema, going for drives, looking for an easy-going male for friendship, maybe more? Box 422222

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL Black is BEAUTIFUL
Black, beautiful, curvy, single mum, 31, enjoys outdoors, cooking, home-life, cosy nights in, eating out, cinema looking for tall, sincere gentleman for friendship/relationship. Box 432283 
ANIMAL LOVE

ANIMAL LOVER Honest, loyal, caring lady, 32, hard-working, 5ft8, medium build, likes eating out, spending time with friends/family, meeting

new people, going to new places, seeking similar Box 432586 **①** RESCUE ME **RESCUE ME**Mum of 2 boys, 32, GSOH, easy-going, seeking an honest, genuine man. Get in touch soon x Box 432066 **①** 

touch soon x Box 432/06 the HEART & SOUL
Sincere female, 32, 5ft2, blonde, blue eyes, family lady, enjoys clubbing, cinema, cooking, animals, seeks like minded male for friendship/relationship. Box

MADE FOR YOU
Hi, 35yr old bubbly, fun-loving female,
GSOH, looking for friendship, maybe
LTR, enjoys most things in life. Box
430911

430911 **6**YOURS FOREVER!
Active, affectionate female, 35, 5ft3, blonde, blue eyes, likes cinema, walking, cycling, swimming, watching wrestling, WLTM tall, adar, & matching wrestling, WLTM tall, adar, & matching watching watch

Independent, professional female, 35, 57", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER Single parent of 4 kids, 35, 5ft6 and long hair with blue eyes, looking for friendly guy for friendship and maybe more. Box

NOT MUCH TO ASK FOR? 

NICE SMILE???
Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and carring, 55°, cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286 SEIZE THE DAY
Loving female, 38, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more.

Box 428666 SEIZE CONTROLLERS SEIZE SEIZE CONTROLLERS SEIZE CO

YOUNG-AT-HEART

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SECURE FUTURE

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SEEKING HER ROMEO...

Juliet, 42, 5ft9, dark hair, blue eyes, likes sports, ciemea, bowling, sports, seeks tall, funny, loveable gentleman 40+ for friendship and more. Box 433337 © TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 ©

FOOTBALL FANATIC
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette,
green eyes, 5ft 10, likes going out, pubs,
clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves
films and all sports except cricket. Box
430384 ♥
ROMANCE ME!
Affectionate female, 43, likes most things,
looking for a loving, romantic man to settle down with. Box 430798 ♥
A FINE ROMANCE

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Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box

OH CAROL Carol, honest, caring blonde, 44, 5ft9, chestnut hair, blue eyes, medium build, divorced with 2 kids, many interests, seeks kind, caring gentleman for friend-ship, romance. Box 429778 **①** 

STARTING OVER
Divorced female, 44, red hair, blue eyes, chatty, bubbly woman, enjoys the simple things in life, seeks loving gent to love and cherish. Box 429818

and cherish. Box \*\*Look.

BE HERE NOW
Melvis, 44, looking for an understanding, sensitive man, enjoys music and being adventurous. Box 431913 
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LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE Warm, radiant, witty, intelligent, attractive, black female, Christian 44, likes music, jazz, travel, art, restaurants, theatre, seeking a cultured, N/S, intelligent, solvent gentleman Box 433075 **1** 

DON'T PASS ME BY Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55 who enjoys life. Box 823441 🕡 🕑 A NEW FUTURE

A NEW FUTURE
Busy, energetic female, 45, 5ft2, blonde,
blue eyes, size 12, professional, likes
swimming, holiday, relaxing, walking,
seeks down-to-earth guy. Box 428633

LOVE 2 SHARE
45yr old medium build, attractive lady, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, meals, cinera, WLTM a trustworthy, loyal male to share my life with. Box 426617 O BETTER DAYS

Sincere female, 46, loves socialising, nights in, pubs, cinema, music, seeks loving male for friendship and more. Box KNOW HOW TO TREAT A LADY?

Blonde haired, attractive female, 46, 5ft4, slim, GSOH, seeking good-looking, slim, kind, trendy male, 35-45, with a GSOH, and fantastic personality. Sheerness Box CANTERBURY CONNECTION Attractive, blonde woman, 5'4", 49, enjoys the gym, cooking, cinema, theatre, travel and restaurants, seeks male for friendship. Box 388091

Inendship. Box 388091 ♥ ♥
ITS NOW OR NEVER
Primrose, 51, divorced with 3 children
and 2 grandchildren. I'm 5ft2, with dark
hair, looking for someone for companionship. Box 433580 ♥

ARE YOU LONESOME TO NIGHT?
Loval bubbly, and affectionate, attractive

Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

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Young-looking 51yr old woman, seeking a kind, genuine man, between 48-51, for fun and friendship, maybe romance. Box

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BEN MILLS: A clip of Crazy Train playing live at the Bradstow, Broadstairs, two weeks ago. And their star singer on the night was X-Factor finalist Bon Mills



shameful Behaviour: Local rockers, drawing on influences such as Kiss and Black Sabbath, perform the song So Fine in style at the lamented Ashford Rocks festival earlier this year.



tribute boys are back with their third clip on Yourkenttv.co.uk. This time they tackle Eddie Cochrane's C'mon Everybody, which the Zep used to play.



concrete Juice: More than 1,000 views have been chalked up for what is billed as an 'exciting visual feast' by Kate Fotis and Natalie Lungley of Westerham, set to the music of the Prodigy's Under My Wheels.



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# Let's stay positive despite such monumental failures

WHAT'S the similarity between ousted England football boss Steve McClaren and Ashford International Station?

Both promised a fast route to Europe and both have suffered critical blows recently.

At least you can still be in Europe in two hours from the town – McClaren's England team remain an eternity away.

The similarities don't necessarily end there. For both the town and McClaren, expectation has weighed heavily on their shoulders from the day the announcements they were coming to make life better for us were made.

McClaren was tasked with clearing the dead wood of the Sven Goran Eriksson era – bringing in a new dawn which promised fabulous riches. Dreams were smashed, old favourites relieved of their duties.

The international station arrived, sweeping old Ashford behind. Homes were removed and old favourites were, well, relieved of their duties beneath the roar of industrial diggers.

The expectation their arrival would transform the fortunes and bring new hope and prosperity accompanied both, and with them the dreams of those with an interest in their success. The cost of failure for either almost too painful to bear.

Sure, there were doubts expressed at the time both were ready for business. Were the hopes too high? Was the infrastructure in place to support such ambition? And, more importantly, could either genuinely dazzle the ultra-competitive European marketplace?

Yet, here we are with the shine of both scrubbed down to the harsh, dull reality.

Steve McClaren's reign as manager is over; and Ashford's dream of becoming a European gateway is dwindling fast.

At least the hapless McClaren has a severance pay-off running into millions to ease the blow. For Ashford the cost of an end to services to Brussels and a cut in routes to Paris are likely to hit us all hard for years to come.

The long shadows cast by the newly-opened Ebbsfleet terminal near Gravesend proves a constant reminder that Eurostar has a new favourite son. The shadow of doom over the England dressing room could at least be banished by the arrival of the likes of Jose Mourinho or Martin O'Neil.

But let us not get too downhearted.

Who knows, in two years time as South Africa hosts the FIFA World Cup for the first time, maybe England will have somehow been beaten into shape and be ready to once again be tasked with becoming the world beaters we believe ourselves to be, yet rarely provide any hard facts to back.

For Ashford? Well, now the high-speed route to riches has been diverted, perhaps it will prove the incentive for the town to seek out something different. And, just like this overstretched football analogy, nurturing the talent we already have and building for the future on established home-grown facilities and sites – designed primarily to entertain us natives – could prove just the ticket.

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#### **TALK TIME**

#### **PAUL** O'BRIEN

Paul discusses his job as a gardener at the Memorial Gardens



#### How many times a week do you work in this park?

We are usually here five days a week to do the maintenance. My colleague Dave and I are great plant lovers so over the years we have been adding different perennials and annuals to the garden.

It is great because we get to choose the different colour schemes as the seasons change. We have to keep the gardens up all the time.

We do have some leeway as to the plants we can use, but we do have to be aware of what is in the budget so we can't go mad. Recently we spent £80 of our own money on annual seeds - that's how committed we are. But it is good to be able to look at the beauty of the gardens 12 months of the year. It is very rewarding.

The autumn is perhaps the busiest time of year because we have so many leaves to deal with. And we have just finished a whole lot of planting.

#### What do you think of Ashford?

I'm a proper Ashfordian. I do like the two-way ring road. Although I still think people have not realised it has happened yet and still keep going the same way whatever happens. The cycle paths around the town are great. It's good to have somewhere my son and I can cycle safely without worrying about the traffic.

Our biggest problem is vandalism, especially here in the Memorial Gardens. We often loose plants because people rip them up for no good reason. Sometimes they don't even take them home.

Broken glass is a big issue and litter. We are the ones who have to clean it up. We lost a load of lavender plants recently. Sometimes it feels that just basic human morals need to change.

#### **YOUR LETTERS**





#### Driven to discourage speeding on roads

I was pleased to see two reports relating to road safety in Yourashford, November 21. I am glad someone in the media accepts the seriousness of road casualties.

I believe the campaign concerning motorcyclists' safety should be extended even more.

The number of cyclist and pedestrian casualties involving motorcycles is disproportionate in relation to other vehicles, especially when one takes into consideration the relatively small profile a motorcycle presents to a yourashford.co.uk Home 🏀 Jobs 🏻 🏟 Cars 🔞 P Search and find 1000s of REE @-edition Read Kent's award winning newspaper interactive editions. Council signs up to • Your Local Paper • Kent on Sunday Review Magazine O Saturday Observer

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I live on an A road, in what is supposed to be a 30mph residential zone. On fine sunny weekends, motorcycles frequently travel at great speed, often overtaking cars that are probably already exceeding the limit.

Motorcyclists may not like me stating the above, but the road safety campaign group Roadpeace, of which I am a member, are only too aware of how many loved ones have died, and are concerned for their wellbeing as much as any one else's.

I have ridden motorcycles too.

Ted Pragnell Kennington

#### **Shoppers need more** encouragement

Well done Yourashford for promoting the town's shops for this Christmas' retail extravaganza.

There is no way we can hope to get a town centre we can be rightly proud of and with the sort of stores we all want to see unless there is a concerted campaign to encourage residents to turn their backs on the likes of Bluewater and Lakeside.

While Canterbury is nearby and a very pretty city in which to shop, I believe Ashford is fast becoming a genuine rival in terms of the number and range of stores available.

> Jon Watkins Via email

#### It's time to stop with all the dramatics

When will Jack Cowan give it a rest when it comes to his theatre project? We all know he and his minority of supporters want one, but we also know there are far better things on which to spend our money.

Not to mention the small matter that the Odeon in the High Street he mentions as a possible suitable venue, is currently a bingo hall and one which serves a great many people in the town.

**V** Thomas



#### **Competition would put** us back on track

Good to hear our former MP Keith Speed is campaigning for a new operator to provide the already much-missed services to Brussels from the international station.

We are in danger of the station becoming a white elephant if the erosion of services is allowed to continue. Eurostar's commitment to the station is half-hearted – as it always has been and they could do with some healthy competition.

The station has not delivered the road - or rails - to riches we were always promised, but there is still time to change that.

> Glenda Torrence **Great Chart**

#### **Give some Christmas** cheer to charity

I would like to appeal to your readers to make a difference by holding a Christmas Cheer event, to raise money for The Children's Trust, a national charity which provides care and therapy for children with disabilities and complex health needs.

With Christmas approaching, what better way to start the celebrations than organising a get together with family or friends and helping raise money for children?

To help you organise your party, The Children's Trust can provide invitations, posters, leaflets, collection boxes and balloons.

To find out more call Sarah on 01737 365019, email scure@thechil drenstrust.org.uk, or visit www.

thechildrenstrust.org.uk

The Children's Trust's current fundraising campaign aims to raise over £7 million to build a new, purpose-designed national rehabilitation centre for children with an acquired brain injury.

By holding a party you will be making a difference. Thank you.

Sarah Cure, The Children's Trust,

#### Give parents the right to look after their child

The shocking impact cancer can have on someone's life at work is this week being highlighted by the charity Macmillan Cancer Support. As the UK's leading children's cancer charity, CLIC Sargent is happily backing this project.

CLIC Sargent wants to ensure that people caring for someone with cancer also have full rights at work. When a child is born, parents are entitled to time off and other rights. But when a child has cancer and needs their parents most, such rights are not on offer.

In a survey of families we found that parents caring for children with cancer are missing out at work; many resort to using their own holiday allowance or sick leave to care for their sick child and some parents have to give up work altogether.

Some employers have shown their courage in supporting parents caring for children with cancer, but others struggle to find practical ways of doing so. Taking this into account, we have developed a package of advice and practical tips for employers to help them reduce uncertainty for their employees.

Organisations that support carers at work can find there are wider benefits for them, including increased productivity, reduced sick leave, and increased staff retention.

CLIC Sargent planned to attend this week's CBI's annual conference. By talking directly to business leaders, we hope to show them how they can support their employees if they are affected by cancer.

chief executive of CLIC Sargent



#### Online troopers cause a storm for kids' charity

I hadn't visited your broadband website (www.yourkenttv.co.uk) before, but after seeing your picture of the Star Wars stormtroopers for Children in Need on your website last week, I couldn't resist.

The clip was entertaining and made me laugh out loud several times. I particularly liked the way they kept in character. The Force is clearly strong with this one.

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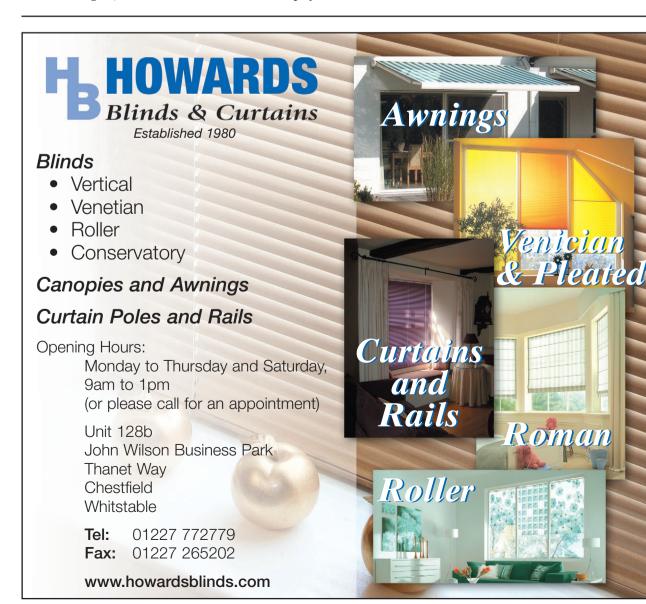
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**RAISING THE ROOF:** Jake and Elwood will be at the Orchard Theatre with their highly-acclaimed production that has taken the world by storm

# Chicago blues are on the way

### Jake and Elwood will be exploding onto the stage to bring you a feel-good musical experience

JAKE and Elwood want to get your festive season started with a bang in the Best Blues Brothers Show in The World Ever!

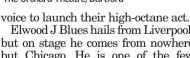
The legendary pair will be raising the roof with their Christmas Party this weekend, a highly acclaimed production that has taken the world by storm. This breathtaking show is living up to its reputation as the ultimate feel-good musical experience.

Featuring a brand new £50,000 set, the touring show has played to millions of theatre-goers worldwide. Jake and Elwood's powerhouse performances, including favourites like Everybody and Sweet Home Chicago, are supported by the amazing Black Rhino Band.

Born in Derbyshire, Joliet Jake Blues (as he is known) began his show business career as a drummer with local beat groups. After joining forces with Elwood, he used his 'whiskey'

**BEST BLUES BROTHERS SHOW IN THE WORLD EVER!** 

Saturday, December 1 The Orchard Theatre, Dartford



Elwood J Blues hails from Liverpool, but on stage he comes from nowhere but Chicago. He is one of the few Elwood tribute artists who can actually play the harmonica live, a skill he uses to great effect in the show.

Together the pair started out as an underground hit and attracted a cult following. When they started to perform in theatres, their popularity rocketed and they began to enjoy their hard-earned succes

According to Jake, the highlight of their careers so far was being invited to join the original Blues Brothers band from the film on stage at the Shepherds Bush Empire. The band featured Stax guitarist and composer Steve 'The Colonel' Cropper, along with trumpeter Alan 'Mr Fabulous'

Rublin, sax player Lou 'Blue Lou' Marini and Eddie Floyd.

Jake has also met and worked with many stars, including Sir Paul McCartney, The Corrs, Ronan Keating and Spandau Ballet. Elwood has been described as one of the best impersonators of Dan Ackrovd and. with his natural singing voice, energetic dancing and great rapport with Jake, he's a hugely entertaining figure

"It's fantastic to be up on stage and see everyone dancing along to the music, especially when people turn up in Blues Brothers costumes," Jake said. "It's a real party atmosphere. At a recent show, we had a whole rugby team turn up dressed as nuns!"

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £20.50.

To book, call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit the website at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

Find out more about the show online at www.iakeandelwood.co.uk.







#### **KEV HORTON EXHIBITION**

Tuesday, December 4 to New Year Courtyard Gallery, Hythe



ADMIRE the funky and colourful work of artist Kev Horton when he exhibits his contemporary paintings in Mersham Le Hatch

The exhibition will include striking impressions of local landscapes, such as Broadstairs' Victorian seafront and the 'lost but not forgotten' Folkestone rollercoaster, along with cityscapes of Vancouver and everyday scenes from Barcelona.

There are haunting depictions of angels and Icarus falling from the sky, as well as snapshots of ordinary people and quirky depictions of cats and dogs.

With his father attached to a Ghurka regiment in Germany, Horton is no stranger to travel. He moved to Hong Kong and Russia, before settling down in Kent. Now aged 31, Horton is busy producing unforgettable images of icons such as Foo Fighters front man Dave Grohl.

The exhibition opens The Courtyard Gallery in The Secret Garden Restaurant in Hythe Road. For directions, visit the website at www.thecourtyardgallerykent.com. To find out more about the artist's work, visit www.ezeetiger.com



ALL aboard for some festive fun with the Kent & East Sussex Railway's Santa Special weekends.

Families can travel on the scenic route from Tenterden Town Station to Wittersham Road and receive some seasonal treats too. Each child will receive a gift, drink and chocolate, while the adults can warm their cockles with a glass of port or orange juice and a delicious mince pie.

At Tenterden Town Station, passengers will be greeted by a traditional, lorry-mounted pipe organ and the chance to have a free ride on the Victorian carousel.

Meet Father Christmas in his winter wonderland and browse for unusual gifts

#### **THE INVICTA SINGERS**

Sunday, December 9 St Mary The Virgin Church, Ashford

THE Invicta Singers will be raising their voices to support an Ashford-based charity which helps people with speech difficulties.

Find A Voice has been helping adults and children to overcome severe communication problems for the last 10 years, giving them the freedom to lead a fuller life. Its free services include a loan resource library of communication aids, switch access toys and a number of books and training videos for parents, carers and professionals across Kent

The charity needs funding to keep its vital services going, which is why The Invicta Singers, with musical director Charlotte Coles, are staging this special concert. Mayor of Ashford, Rita Hawes, will be the guest of honour and organisers hope there will be a bumper attendance.

#### **SANTA SPECIALS**

Saturday, December 1 to Monday, December 24 Kent & East Sussex Railway, Tenterden

in the craft village.

There will be plenty of food and drink on offer, including a barbecue and a special, limited edition beer created just for the

Santa Specials will run only at weekends and advance booking is essential. Tickets are priced from £10.50. For more information on prices and timetables, visit the website at www.kesr.org.uk.



The concert will be held at the church in Church Yard at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6, including a drink and mince pies. To book, call Find A Voice on 01233 640443 or email jov@findavoice.org.uk.

#### **ASHFORD** LEISURE

### Help conservation and go and plant a tree

VOLUNTEERS are sought to take part in a community tree-planting day this weekend. The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers is aiming to plant 200 trees at Ashford Community Woodland on Saturday. The planting will run from 1.15pm to 4pm at the woodland on Singleton Hill, Bucksford Lane.

To take part should call 01233 812033 or visit the website, www.btcv.org/kent, for more information. No dogs please.

### Trust in the power of music this weekend

THE National Trust and Cranbrook Orchestra present an evening of music at St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook, on Saturday.

The concert will feature Schumann's Piano Concerto in A Minor, with Stephen Dandridge as soloist, and Dvorak's 8th Symphony. Tickets for the concert, which starts at 7.30pm, cost £10 and there is reserved seating for tickets bought in advance. For details, call 01580 713567.

### Homewood School puts on its dancing shoes

JOIN Homewood School's dance department for its annual showcase at the Sinden Theatre, Tenterden.

The performance will show off the dance skills of students from various years. It will also feature the talents of the renowned Boys Dance Company and has become a 'must-see' event.

Performances will be staged at 7.30pm daily from Thursday, December 6 to Saturday, December 8. Tickets cost £5/£3.50. To book, 01580 763826 or visit the website at www.sindentheatre.biz.

## If you fancy a little bit of skiffle with your tipple

FOR an evening of "off the rails skiffle", head to the Woolpack Inn in Smeeth on Saturday.

Hobo Jones and The Junkyard Dogs will be performing at the pub in Church Road at 8pm. The skunk rock trio won the Maidstone Buskers Festival in 2005 and has been described by Chas 'n' Dave as "mental".

To find out more about the band and their extraordinary history, visit the website at www.hobojones.com.

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Shaun Williamson at the Marlowe preparing for Aladdin next week

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On a moonlit roof-top above Washington Square 12 years ago, Lyla Novacek and Louis Connelly were drawn together by a street entertainer's music. After the most romantic night of her life, Lyla promised to meet Louis again, but her father rushed her to the next concert, leaving Louis to believe she didn't care.

#### **SHROOMS (18)**



A group of inquisitive American teenagers are promised the trip of a lifetime by their Irish friend and mushroom expert Jake. Once in Ireland, they ignore Jake's warnings about the 'shrooms they shouldn't eat'. Afflicted by horrific visions, they can no longer distinguish grim apparition from reality.

#### THE DARJEELING LIMITED (15)



Three brothers who haven't spoken in a year set off on a train across India with a plan to find themselves. Their spiritual quest veers rapidly and they find themselves stranded in the desert with 11 suitcases, a printer and a laminating machine.

# Mr Nice Guy turns nasty

#### BY EILEEN CONDON

HE'S known as one of Hollywood's good guys. A doting family man with an unblemished track record, so film fans might be surprised at Denzel Washington's latest choice of movie role.

The normally polished superstar plays an evil drug dealer and notorious mobster in new movie American Gangster.

The star, who is best known for playing inspirational characters in movies such as Remember The Titans, says he couldn't wait to play a baddie for a change.

"You can say anything. You can do anything. Bad guys are fun," he says gleefully.

The Oscar-winning actor plays Frank Lucas, who rose from the streets of Harlem in the 1970s to become one of the most powerful and feared drug dealers in the world. He was so successful that at one point he was raking in a million dollars a day.

"Frank came along at a time when heroin was being sold for \$50,000 to \$60,000 a kilo," explains Washington. "He made the bold decision of going to Thailand himself where he found 100 per cent heroin for \$4,200 a kilo. You do the maths," he adds with a laugh.

Though Washington admits he was fascinated by Frank's story, he was also apprehensive about portraying a man who was notorious for smuggling drugs out of Vietnam in the body bags of American soldiers.

"I did have doubts because I didn't want to glorify drug dealing," he confesses. "And I certainly didn't want to glorify what he did with those soldiers. But Frank got the idea to do that, not just from watching the dead come home, but watching so many come back as

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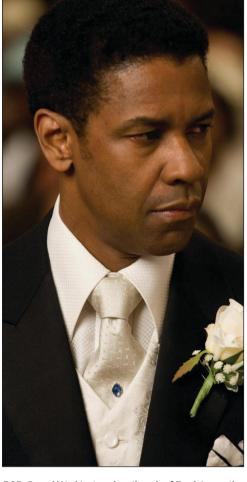
drug addicts because they were trying to ease the pain of the experience in Vietnam."

Not only did Washington get a crash course in Lucas's dodgy dealings, he got to meet the man himself and says the encounter was not what he expected.

"For a start he is charming and very humble, but he'll have you working for him by the end of the day," laughs Washington. "He's more than a one-dimensional villain. He wasn't well educated, but you realise how intelligent he is — I mean street-smart.

"The real paradox is that he was the most notorious drug dealer in the history of America but also a great family man, more honourable in a sense than the cop who was trying to pursue him."

It was this devotion to his family that enabled Washington to make a connection with Lucas. Washington has been married to



**BAD:** Denzel Washington plays the role of Frank Lucas, the most notorious drug dealer America has ever known

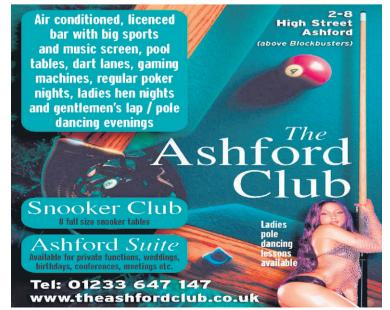
his wife Pauletta for 23 years. The couple have four teenage children and the down-to-earth actor says family life takes priority above everything else.

Washington, born in New York and the son of a Pentecostal minister, credits his stable home life for his hugely successful career. Only the second African American to win a Best Actor Oscar (for Training Day), he has barely put a foot wrong, with starring roles in acclaimed movies such as Cry Freedom, Malcolm X and Man on Fire.

And although he's clearly had a blast playing the bad guy – there's no getting away from the fact that off-screen Washington really is Mr Nice guy.



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# Join the club in Marrakech

BY JACK DOYLE

THINK Morocco and you think deserts, camels and fezzes.

Your mind might drift to exciting markets, tasty spices and ornate rugs. What you don't think is glow sticks, strobe lighting and thumping techno. But there it is, and here we are. Welcome to Pacha, Marrakech. The nightclub in the desert.

Since the UK's super-club scene fell over, clubbing back home has splintered into niche nights, often conducted in dank, dark and cramped basement clubs.

Vast, salubrious venues with giant stages, podia and lighting rigs to rival opening night on the Jean Michelle Jarre world tour exist only in the world of advertising, and the dreams of club promoters.

In Morocco, they've got plenty of space. So on the outskirts of Marrakech they've sunk a palatial monument to dance culture in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains.

It's gob-smackingly impressive. From miles away, light beams fired in to the night sky draw the eye. At the entrance, towering columns lead to tree-lined arcades and landscaped courtyards.

Walk up and in, and a passage opens out to a giant swimming pool. To one side, a top class restaurant, at the back, a smaller live music venue replete with huge black sofas. Behind it the club lurks invitingly. The building is pure, pimped-up bombast.

Our guide takes us through to a restaurant



**VENUE:** The nightclub, a monument to dance culture, lurks invitingly at the other side of the entry hall

- one of two in the complex - where the service is excellent, the food international and first class and the setting as gentle and comforting as the fine array of drinks on offer.

The clientele appears to be the great and good of the city. Marrakech seems to be carving itself a significant slice of whatever highend entertainment business there is around.

Covering the full range of musical styles, from hip-hop to house, Pacha can create its

With the increase in budget flights, the country and the city are going to attract a wider range of people, and flights get you here so quickly that it's worth a weekend; and cheap enough to rival the cost of a night out in town, leaving you with enough cash to emerge, trinket-laden from the local markets.

Clearly, there are sharks on many of the market stalls, but barter hard and there are some real deals to be had.

A weekend in Morocco wouldn't be complete without dipping into the country's varied and exciting cuisine.

Moroccans take great pride in their food heritage - as well they might. The country's history of invasion, counter invasion and empire has seen a vast array of peoples march through, many leaving behind exciting spices and recipes which the locals have moulded into a unique eating experience.

The food is spicy and flavourful, loaded with garlic, saffron, ginger and cinnamon without being too hot on the tongue. It's also very simple to prepare and cook. The vegetables, meat and spices are mixed up in tagines, cone-shaped clay pots, and then mounted on the stove. Everything you need, including tagines, can be bought cheaply at the market.

Marrakech has the feel of a place where the tourist trade is really changing.

The city and the country has every right to

boom, and if the nightclub is a reliable indicator, they're going about it in exactly the right

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#### **Holiday details**

Jack Doyle travelled to Marrakech with Thomsonfly, which offers four flights per week from Luton and Manchester, with single fares from £49.99, including taxes and charges.

Rooms at La Maison Arabe cost from Euros 170-600 per room per night, including breakfast and afternoon tea.

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#### **ACROSS**

1 One having heavenly looks? (10)

7 Wrestler stopped short putting penny in oil pit (4)

**9** Bet raver dislocated joint in back (8) 10 Blanch found lake in sandy area (6)

11 Delivery of passage quoted (10)

**14** Input data into musical instrument (8)

15 Constrain unwilling person damaging core in the establishment (6)

16 Among the best a torn non-moving part (6)

18 Cheerful clucking sound from end of rookery (8) 20 Song easy to understand by church worker (10)

23 Way to travel taking long step (6)

24 Picture of a planet perhaps thatis made against the odds

**25** Rebel leader entered large vessel (4) 26 Artery and eyes treated 12 months ago (10)

2 In the aisle Walter will swing round (4)

**3** Lady getting into a rut hopelessly (4)

4 Landed initially on European peninsula or African country

**5** Took a quick look at the way the ball was deflected (7) 6 Boor removed bloodsucker, say, it's automatic (7)

**7** Soft-centred lover? (10)

8 Manage to put chips first on optical instrument (10)

12 Opening I left working out rota for respirator (10) **13** Voting not to (10)

17 One hundred less cups and saucers found in the garden (7)

18 Rachelís new fellow (7)

**19** Forceful in the past? (7)

21 One agent is game (1-3) 22 Pictured lady with Lisa (4)

#### **OUTCK CLUES**

#### **ACROSS 1** Preacher (10)

7 Waistband (4)

9 Memento (8) 10 Steep rockfaces (6)

11 Alternatively (5,5)

**14** International Criminal Police Commission (8)

**15** Scorched (6)

**16** Confer (6)

**18** Washing (8)

**20** Not attracting dust (10)

**23** Glib and rapid talk (6)

**24** Went back (8)

25 African country (4) **26** Terribly (10)

#### DOWN

**2** London statue (4)

3 Touch oneis feelings (4) 4 Uninterruptedly (7)

**5** Bizarre (7)

6 Most wealthy (7)

**7** Giggling (10)

8 Enough (10) **12** Below (10)

13 Subjected to limitations

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17 Irrigated (7) 18 Clique (7)

**19** Stimulated (7)

**21** German lady (4)

**22** Touch (4)

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#### **AQUARIUS**

(Jan 21 – Feb 19)

YOUR financial fortune resumes that 'two steps forward,

one step back' trend. Fortunately, you're not fazed by temporary draughts, because you know that life-giving showers are right around the corner. A love interest could force your hand. It's time to take your relationship to the next level or part ways altogether.



#### **TAURUS**

(Apr 21 – May 21 )

AN unusual group of associates make their way back into your

life. These people will challenge your values and strain your bank account. If you're looking for work, you could find one related to fashion, art, or music. Avoid being overly harsh with a child who is trying to win your approval. Words of encouragement can have a transformative effect.



#### LEO

(July 24 – Aug 23)

OLDfoundations give way to new forms in the coming

months. It's important to go with the flow. An old association will come to a close, giving you more time to spend with people who truly uplift and inspire you. Financial responsibilities could prevent you from buying something you want. Exercising restraint now will pay off later.



#### **SCORPIO** (Oct 24 – Nov 22)

YOUR love life siz-

zles for the next few months, but you

must take precautions as you don't want any nasty surprises regarding your health. Adjusting the balance of power is necessary if you're going to remain with a business or romantic partner. Working on a creative project in your home gives you an aura that's impossible to ignore.



#### **PISCES**

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

YOU fiercely cherish your freedom, and will resume efforts

to break free of a restrictive organisation. If you live with your family, you may decide to strike out on your own. Take care, though, not to burn bridges with people who have always loved and supported you. A partner may resent your tendency to dominate the spotlight.



#### **GEMINI**

(May 22 – Jun 22)

EXCITING twists and turns on the career front resume

after a period of stasis. If your partner wants you to work less, work out such an arrangement. A little compromise goes a long way. Bigger and better opportunities are on the horizon. For now, you've got to focus on improving your personal life. That means staying put!



#### **VIRGO**

(Aug 24 - Sep 23)

AN unusual partnership gathers force this week. Find a bal-

ance between your personal and professional lives. It's not healthy to weigh one side too heavily against the other. A dream job could fall into your lap, allowing you to make money from your considerable imagination. Don't be too stern with family members. A light touch works best.



#### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 – Dec 21)

CHANGES on the home front occur with rapid succes-

sion after this week. You may be sent on a business trip. Try not to let this separations mar a close relationship. Make a greater effort to keep in touch with your beloved. Your boss may not appreciate your uncooperative behaviour, but he knows better than to cut you loose. Stand firm.



#### **ARTES**

(Mar 21 – Apr 20)

THE results of a test could surprise you. Don't throw in the

towel if you're disappointed. Steer clear of irresponsible friends who tempt you to stay up late. A supportive lover is prepared to help you toward your goal. Don't take their help for granted. An old health problem could resurface. Get it treated by a medical professional.



#### CANCER

Jun 23 – Jul 23)

UNORTHODOX ways of experiencing the world continue to

rock your world. Just when you thought you had life figured out, another surprise shakes your foundations. Be compassionate to others, especially when new information challenges long standing assumptions. Your ability to move with the times will make all the difference.



#### **LIBRA**

(Sep 24 - Oct 23)

WORK takes some interesting twists in the months ahead.

Your services may no longer be needed by an organisation. It's time to seek greener pastures. This is a great week to take up a creative hobby that has always interested you. A nagging worry could cause you to project gloom and doom to a



#### **CAPRICORN**

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

YOU'LL get a lot of intellectual stimulation in the coming

months. Don't let friends' scepticism prevent you from pursuing methods that will improve your health. Lending your time and money to a charitable organisation will boost your reputation. It's important to defer to an expert, even at the expense of looking like a novice.

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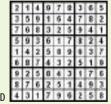
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**SATURDAY: STRICTLY COME DANCING (5.45pm):** Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host as the six remaining couples dance twice for the first time before facing the public vote and the judges.

**SUNDAY:** ANTIQUES ROADSHOW (8pm): The experts go to to Wales, where they come across an original script from Dr Who as well as a host of other treasures.

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**SATURDAY: THE COMPANY (9.40pm):** Drama based on Robert Littell's best-selling book on CIA intrigue focusing on globe trotting agent Jack McAulliffe.

SUNDAY: TOP GEAR (8pm): Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May get to grips with the latest motors. Guests include crooner James Blunt and Formula 1 ace Lewis Hamilton.

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**SATURDAY: LIVE AND LET DIE (4.55pm):** James Bond finds himself up against Harlem gangsters, voodoo and the odd crocodile. Roger Moore stars.

**SUNDAY: WHO GETS THE DOG? (9pm):** Alison Steadman and Kevin Whately star as the long-time married couple who find themselves in the middle of a messy divorce battle in this comedy drama.



**SATURDAY: EVOLUTION (9pm):** Science-fiction comedy romp described by critics as 'Ghostbusters meets Men in Black'. X Files star David Duchovny teams up with Orlando Jones and Julianne Moore.

SUNDAY: 100 GREATEST FAMILY FILMS (8pm): Expect a healthy dose of Disney to figure in this rundown alongside the likes of Star Wars, Shrek and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

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SATURDAY: HOUR OF THE GUN (3.50pm): Wyatt Earp Western spills and thrills as he sets out to get revenge for death of his brothers at the OK Corral in the company of chum Doc Holliday.

**SUNDAY: BAD BOYS II (9pm):** Will Smith and Martin Lawrence reunite for the sequel to the wise-cracking Miami cop blockbuster.

# Bruce has definitely played his cards right

#### BY BEN FAULK

BRUCE Forsyth is many things – presenter, comedian, actor, dancer. But holistic healer?

"Don't have menthol sweets, salt up the nose morning and night and press down 50 times with a good cream here," says the 79-year-old TV legend, rubbing the tops of his cheekbones around the eye socket. "Press down fairly hard and you'll find it will open up your nose and it'll soften the sniffles a bit."

I have just walked into my interview with Bruce and I'm sneezing and snorting as I suffer from hay fever. Brucie is a fellow sufferer and as such deeply sympathetic.

Which is a great relief, because the worry on meeting an icon like Bruce – someone whose buoyant on-screen persona has carried you through Saturday nights your entire life – is that he'll disappoint you in some way. That the joyous, people-loving presenter we know and love from Play Your Cards Right, You Bet! and Strictly Come Dancing is nothing more than a cathode ray tube facade. Thankfully, nothing could be further from the truth.

Though he's still propping up the Beeb on Saturday nights with Strictly Come Dancing, Brucie is also now revisiting the scene of perhaps his biggest hit.

The Generation Game: Now And Then is a quirky retrospective on UKTV Gold looking back at some of the finest moments from the classic gameshow which the star hosted from 1971 to 1977 and then again between 1990 and 1994, as well as gathering together some of the funniest contestants.

"It's about what happened. Did it influence their lives? Did it make them a celebrity where they lived?" he explained.



**GENERATION GAME:** Bruce Forsyth has been a part of our Saturday night television viewing for almost 50 years

Watching the vivacity with which Bruce, 79, still approaches his work, it's incredible to think of his advancing years and how much he still does. But mention that to the man himself and he just laughs.

"It seems as though I do, but I don't work for four or five months a year," he explains. "I've done that for the last 25 years. They think because you're on television quite a bit that you never stop. People never believe me!"

So what prompted the change in policy? "My last wife!" he guffaws, mentioning his third and current wife, former Miss World, Wilnelia Merced.

"I decided at the time I met her I was so blissfully happy, I'd done so much, that this was the stage where I could pick and choose."

As such, the Forsyths generally spend the winter in Puerto Rico (where Wilnelia is from) and holiday consistently throughout the rest of the year. It is probably why he looks so good for his age (even though he describes his face as "well-worn"); a lot of relaxing coupled with a strict health regime.

Now he's influencing a whole new generation on Strictly Come Dancing, a show he is thoroughly enjoying, even though he acknowledges the reality genre in general is beginning to scrape the bottom of the barrel. "Maybe they could do a dancing, cooking show?" he jokes.

So will he ever stop? "People have grown up with me since 1958," he ponders, adding that he will be popping back to the UK next February from his winter holiday to celebrate turning 80. "In that 49 years every generation has grown up with me. And even the ones who hated me are still aware of me. And that's given me the durability that maybe a lot of other people haven't had.

"Retirement is always at the back of my mind," he continues. "I think I'll know when is the right time to stop," he says grinning.

"When I walk on to a studio floor, I still feel as though I'm 35. But there'll be one night when I walk on, trip over, fall on my face and the first aid man comes. That'll be, 'Thank you and goodnight'!"



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# Slightly hostile to Spice



SLIGHTLY SPICY: Scary (Marcia Hughes, 44, from Sheerness), Posh (Victoria Guilloit, 34, from Ashford), Ginger (Annalee Weedon, 27, from Faversham), Baby (Laura Galvin, 26, from Maidstone) and Sporty (Sandra Cox, 19, from Gillingham) sang to the crowd at Priestfield during half time

POSH Spice wannabe Victoria BY SIMON ROBINSON Guilloit scored an own goal when she and her new bandmates took to the pitch to entertain the crowd during Gillingham's League One clash at the weekend.

The Ashford 34-year-old was making her first appearance as part of Slightly Spicy – a tribute act created in an X Factor style public vote by Invicta FM.

But when she and the group took to the Priestfield pitch during Saturday's match, the crowd turned hostile and booed them off. It was the first live show for the five after being brought together on the James & Ali

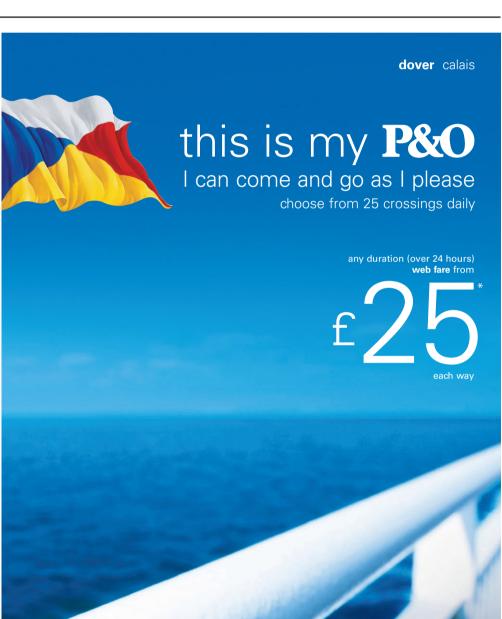
breakfast show. They had taken to the stage at half-time after a poor first 45-minutes in which the

Gills had gone a goal behind in what, up to that stage, had been a miserable encounter.

One fan, who did not wish to be named, said Slightly Spicy bore the brunt of the supporters' frustrations: "I felt sorry for the girls as it was cold and they really tried hard. People just weren't interested though."

DJ James Heming, who introduced the group to the 5,000 strong crowd, saw things differently: "I think the fans loved Slightly Spicy almost as much as they do new boss Mark Stimson after masterminding his first league win with the team.'

The girls will watch their real-life counterparts perform live at the O2 Arena. London, from a VIP box as the final part of their prize.





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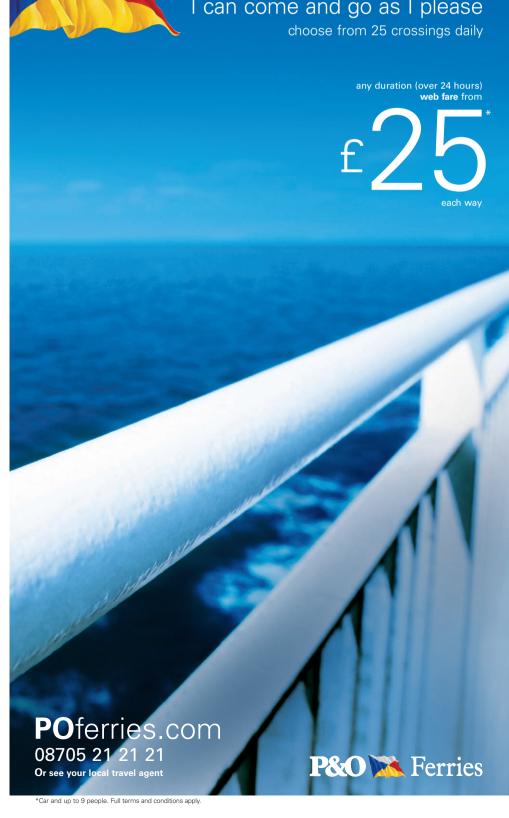
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# Lender raises mortgage rates

IN A rare move Standard Life Bank has raised its standard variable mortgage rate independent of any change to the Bank of England's base rate.

Borrowers will face an increase of 0.15 per cent and analysts say other lenders may follow suit.

According to Sarah Robson, spokeswoman for the Council of Mortgage Lenders, "Standard Life Bank is simply responding to an increase in international market pressures."

This comes despite the Bank of England's announcement that they expect to reduce the base rate in the early part of next year.

One thing for sure is that those who are paying standard variable mortgage rates at the moment will be watching with trepidation.

# HIPs to roll out to one and two beds

THE Government has announced Home Information Packs (HIPs) will be extended to one and two-bedroom properties from December 14.

Jeff Smith, chief executive of HIP Payment Services, said: "(The) announcement will be greeted with much enthusiasm and relief from the industry, which has been tirelessly campaigning for HIPs to be fully extended across the whole market, since their extension to three bedroom homes back in September."

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Sumptuous cushions, rugs and throws can make the viewer feel that they have found the perfect place to seek refuge on dark winter's nights.



BUYER'S MARKET: If you can face the challenge to go house hunting at this time of year you could find yourself a bargain in a market that is slowing down for sellers

# Christmas arrives early for UK housing market

TRADITIONALLY the property market experiences a downturn during the festive period but this year the Christmas slump has arrived early, according to the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA).

The NAEA's latest survey showed that in October the number of buyers on estate agents' books averaged at 282 compared to 360 at the same time last year. This is the lowest it has been for the last four years.

With fewer registered house buyers, the number of properties for sale also fell.

NAEA members across the country were marketing an average of 65 properties in October, compared to 80 in September. This is slightly higher than October 2006 when the figure was 64.

#### BY **JENNY SANTOS**

In terms of actual sales agreed, agents reported a drop with a higher percentage of sales falling through.

We are also seeing the gap widening between asking price and sales price, confirming opinion that it is fast becoming a buyers' market.

This would all seem to reflect not only the seasonal slowdown, but the cloud of caution hovering over the housing market as we witness banks, building societies and borrowers continuing to tighten their belts in an uncertain economic climate.

But it's not all bad news, the industry report highlighted a positive trend showing first-time buyers increasing their share of the market from 8.8 per cent in September to 9.2 per cent in October – a turnaround, finally, from the diminishing figures seen since this time last

year when it stood at 16.4 per cent.

More heartening still, the NAEA believe this share could continue to grow.

Prices have generally stabilised and there are a growing number of specific properties, incentives and mortgage schemes available to first timers, giving them stronger opportunities to enter the world of home ownership.

Chris Wood, NAEA's vice president, said: "First-time buyers are getting increasingly savvy. They know how to seek out a good deal and if they can smell a bit of blood in the air, with people realigning prices, they could be tempted into making a move."

Many people lack the time, money and energy to go through the house-hunting process at this time of year. For those who can face a festive challenge though, now could potentially be a good time to secure some seasonal cheer after all and get a good deal from vendors keen to make a sale.

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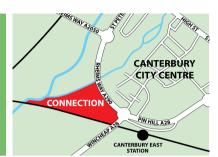
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#### **MOTORS** NEWS



#### Invicta offer passes the 'L' plate service test

INVICTA Motors, Canterbury, has a novel new offer for driving school customers – a dual control, sign-written courtesy car for use when their own car is being serviced.

Rupert Jarvis, new car sales manager at the site in Sturry Road, said: "We looked at ways to boost sales through niche markets, the 'L' plate market being key.

"If they book a service from us they get the use of our driving school Ka, which could save an instructor or school a lot of lost bookings while their own car is off the road."

The Fiesta is Invicta's best-selling school car followed by the Focus and Ka.



## New 207 is tipped to be brand's next big thing

PEUGEOT'S sharply styled 207 supermini has been tipped to be the brand's next all-time best-seller by Robins and Day of Rhodaus Town, Canterbury.

New car sales manager there, Steve Moody, said: "The 206 did the impossible by outselling the famous 205, but we reckon the latest in the line, the new 207 (launched 2006), will beat them both.

"We haven't even seen the full 207 range, yet sales are stronger than we remember the 206 at the same stage in its production life."



#### Citroën/Peugeot van is now a favourite in UK

SALES of the Citroën Berlingo/Peugeot Partner are outstripping those of the rival Ford Transit Connect and Vauxhall Combo, to make it Britain's favourite small van.

The 'hi-cube' French vehicle was the first in its class to be designed from the start as a van rather than being derived from a small car.

Interestingly, spin-off versions with rear seats and windows have become popular mini-MPV/people carriers.



CAR FOR ALL SEASONS: Land Rover have ticked all the boxes with their new Freelander 2, not only is it excellent off-road, but it's a comfortable ride on the road too

# The rugged Freelander 2 stars both on and off-road

AMID BMW's troubled takeover of the old Rover Group, Land Rover created a new junior model – the Freelander.

True to Land Rover 4x4 heritage it shrugged off rough terrain in a way that pseudo off-road rivals like the Toyota RAV4 and – yah, sucks boo – the BMW X3 could not possibly match.

Perversely though, while the original seemed able to conquer any terrain its bigger brothers could, it failed to reach great heights in everyday reliability, while the interiors also tended to flag.

Fortunately, with Land Rover now owned by Ford – at least for the moment – both problems seem to have been beaten by the Freelander 2 (from £20,960), launched in 2006.

It is bigger, more grown-up, better-built and outclasses any rival off-roader in its sector.

It is refined on-road too where most will spend their lives because, as we all know, 4x4s are more image maker than tool nowadays, bought by people who would like us to think

## ROAD TEST

#### BY **STEVE LOADER**

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

they have a country pile and a battalion of kids at private school.

You won't find Land Rover complaining though; 4x4s are big business now and the company has grown from one model minnow producing mainly for the military, into a powerful premium brand with five commercial model lines – from the Freelander to the luxury Range Rover.

All the same, buying a Land Rover and swanking up and down the High Street is a bit like buying wellies and wearing them as slippers, so we went to the Land Rover Experience centre at Eastwell Manor Park, near Ashford, to test and film the Freelander at home – bouncing over the rough, conquering the heights and just getting filthy.

Unlike bigger Land Rover models, the Freelander does not have low ratios, but the low down power of the 2.2 Peugeot/Ford turbodiesel under the bonnet of the test car plus the Hill Descent Control feature introduced on the original Freelander is enough to power and control the car up and down steep slopes.

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#### **UPMARKET 4x4** SUVs

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ALONG with soaring house prices there was probably no better sign of the UK boom of the early 'Noughties' than the rise of the luxury SUV – sports utility vehicle. Not only were people prepared to pay high prices for these road-going 4x4s and the badge on the bonnet, but also fuel them. Admittedly, most were bought with quality turbodiesels to keep consumption within sensible levels, but a large wallet is still a key requirement of SUV ownership and used values have eased a lot. Here we profile three popular buys...

#### **LEXUS** RX



THIS is the cheapest option here, largely because it has never been offered with a diesel, although a petrol-electric hybrid option has been available more recently. But the Lexus is no also-ran; it is beautifully screwed together and famed for reliability, has an upmarket badge on the bonnet and delivers a comfortable and rewarding drive. In the Lexus tradition, all versions come laden with top quality extras – good audio and electric everything. Keeping it in petrol will cost though.

#### **STAR QUALITY**

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	***
Space	***
Value	****
Running costs	***
Reliability	****
Quality	****

#### **BMW** X5



BMW hit the ground running with its first venture into the competitive 4x4 SUV market. The original X5 is sure-footed and imposing on-road, while decent ground clearance means it copes well with rough ground too. You also get high riding comfort, a good drive, the right badge on the front and the option of racy petrol engines check out the 4.8i – as well as sporty turbodiesels able to make the most of the X5's assured chassis.

#### **STAR QUALITY**

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

#### **VOLVO** XC90



JUST when the BMW X5 seemed to have a runaway lead, Volvo launched this powerful 4x4 challenger at the first attempt. Less brash than the 'Beemer', the XC90 won new recruits to the brand as well as selling to serial buyers of the Swedish firm's rugged estates. Quite simply, it is a brilliant all-rounder on-road and when the going gets tricky, with the bonus of seven seats as standard. The Volvo can also match the X5 for smooth diesel power.

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CD ELEC PAC	K 15000 MILES MET CYCLONE BLUE	£5,995	A
SUNROOF 31	IO 1.2 16V 3DR DYNAMIQUE AIRCON 565 MILES MET PEARL BLACK	£5,995	M
CD ALLOYS 2	IO EXTREME 4 1.2 16v 3DR AIR CON 14550 MILES MET PEARL BLACK	£6,295	Α
<b>2004 54 CL</b> CD ALLOYS 3	IO 1.6 VVT DYNAMIQUE 5DR AIR CON 14500 MILES MET PLATINUM SILVER	£6,295	Α
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ALLOYS 1135	IO DYNAMIQUE 1.4 16V 5DR AIR CON 50 MILES VOLCANO RED	£7,995	A
12000 MILES	IO 1.5 dCi 65 EXPRESSION AIR CON CD MET MERCURY	£8,495	A
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CLIMATE ALL	NAULTSPORT CLIO 2.0 182 3DR OYS 17500 MILES RACING BLUE	£8,995	M
<b>2007 57 CL</b> ALLOYS DELIV	IO 1.2 16V 3DR EXTREME AIRCON VERY MILES MET MERCURY SILVER	£8,995	М
2004 54 RE	NAULTSPORT CLIO 2.0 182 3DR OYS 15000 MILES MET BLUE	£9,295	Α
2004 04 CL	IO 182 SPORT CUP PACK AIR CON 00 MILES MET BLACK	£9,595	M
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ALLOYS 6000	<b>DEMO CLIO SX 1.2 TCE 3DR</b> AIRCON MILES MET PEARL BLACK	£10,495	M
ALLOYS 8500	NAULTSPORT CLIO 2.0 182 3DR AIR CON ) MILES MET BLUE	£10,495	М
2007 56 RE HANDS FREE	NAULTSPORT CLIO 197 CLIMATE 17"ALLOYS 16030 MILES MET ALBI BLUE	£14,495	Α
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2005 55 MC	DDUS 1.4 16V DYNAMIQUE AIR CON	£6,995	Α
CD ALLOYS 5	250 MILES MET BLUE	£7,495	Α

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FORD fiesta zetec, 06 06, 1.4 tdci 5dr met blue cd player 9, 000 miles one owner, £7995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

FORD ka, 08 2003, 1.3 petrol ex bt white 29.000 miles fsh, £2995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec 5dr (2002 - 2005). 02/09/2004, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, silver, 44949 miles, £6299, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr VTec 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3, 995, Cheriton Motor House

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CIVIC. tornado 1.4 i, 1998, turquise, Sales Dover 01304 242324 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2002, a/con alloys e/wind c/lock cd, ultra blue, 28275 miles, £5795, WJ King Vauxhall, Rochester, 01634 723723 (TRADE)

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Defender, 110 Hard-Top TD5. ve03udp, power steering, rear wash/wipe, tow pack, 4x4, white, 55000 miles, £9995, BHRV. Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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#### MAZDA

323, ESTORIL. 1997, silver. 98000 miles, £1150, County Car Sales, Dover 01304 242324 (TRADE)

6, TS 2.0TDi 143ps New model, 2005, carbon grey metalic with black / charcoal, 39000 miles, £9995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688

MAZDA, 2.0 Sport, 19649, mazda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher galaxy grey, 2006, 12101 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £13495, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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1200 WARRIOR2 33637 finished in black with black interior manual. black, 0 miles, £9995, Caffyns Tumbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

#### RENAULT

RENAULT kangoo 865, 07 2000, 1.9d pas side door ex b gas blue fsh no vat, 0 miles. £2300. Beaver Commercials.

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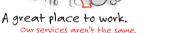
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Post Ref: 06/76/KOS

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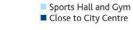
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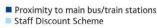
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Closing date: midday, 4 December 2007.

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## Awards to celebrate developing businesses

IT'S deadline day for entries to the South East Business Awards.

The first award scheme to focus on both recognising success and helping businesses develop ideas for further enhancement, is organised by the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) with eight categories up for grabs.

Nominations close today, Wednesday. Winners will be unveiled at a glitzy bash at Ascot Racecourse on March 6.

EDF Energy; QinetiQ, Europe's largest R&D defence company; and Shoosmiths Solicitors have all signed up as award category sponsors. For details see www.southeastbusinessawards.co.uk.

## Director rewarded for financial turnaround

THE director of finance and resources at Hadlow College has been named as public sector finance director of the year.

Mark Lumsdon-Taylor won the national Accountancy Age award because of his vital contribution in turning around the fortunes of the college near Tophridge.

near Tonbridge.

Hadlow, which specialises in agricultural courses, had been labelled a failing institution and was facing bankruptcy four years ago when Mr Lumsdon-Taylor was appointed to his post.

Now it is one of the most financially successful in the county and has seen numbers for higher education courses rise by 24 per cent over the last year.

## Controversial ex-MP to speak at ladies' lunch

EDWINA Currie, the former politician, broadcaster and writer, will be the keynote speaker at the Business Link Kent Women in Business Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 13.

Mrs Currie will be talking about her career in politics and beyond at the Ramada Resort, Maidstone.

She will be joined on the Women in Business platform by Jo Groves, of Active Digital Communications. She launched the company with her brother when she was just 16.

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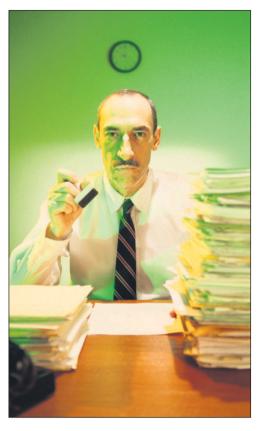
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**TAKE CARE:** Whatever the size of your company you must ensure you have disciplinary and grievance policies in place and that your employees know of them

#### BY CHRIS MURPHY

COMPANIES across the county are running the risk of losing everything by failing to understand disciplinary procedures, it is feared.

There are rules set down that must be followed in the event of a member of staff being disciplined. If bosses get this wrong, they could find themselves before an employment tribunal, facing possibly catastrophic payouts.

The stark warning comes from Calibre HR and Training, based in Ashford.

The company said employers continue to run huge risks by failing to properly manage disciplinary issues in the workplace.

Calibre estimated that up to a half of all local small and medium enterprises could still be making mistakes in managing the grievance and disciplinary process.

Company spokeswoman Tara Lloyd said: "Although the revised rules for handling these cases have been in place since October 2004, we are seeing no improvement in the number of firms which continue to get it wrong.

"The statutory procedures are a compulsory minimum standard and all businesses, whatever size, are required by law to have disciplinary and grievance policies in place and to communicate these to employees.

"However, many companies don't realise the law applies to them, while others buy a policy and don't really understand its implications. Employment legislation changes all the time, and the practical application of the policy is just as important as having a policy in the first place."

She said that SMEs focused more on the actual law rather than applying it in the workplace – which is a big risk: "We urge all employers to check their policies are up-to-date and being applied consistently.

"There is lots of information available to help, for instance www.acas.org.uk. But if they are in any doubt, employers and managers should seek help immediately, not just when a disciplinary issue arises. It really is a case of act now, before it is too late."



## Week of shocks in the league

BROMLEY Green moved a step closer to lifting the Towers Super Sixes Division One title with a 4-0 win against The PGC.

With their rivals slipping up, Bromley Green's win put them three points clear with a game in hand.

In a week of shocks, Jamie Savill smashed a hat-trick as Brabourne hauled themselves off the bottom with a 3-2 win against Stanhope, while secondplaced Ashford Allstars lost 1-0 to a resurgent Hopefuls side.

Ashford Warriors missed a move into the top two of Division One when they were held 1-1 by Smooth Criminals, and Maulers eased their relegation fears with a 1-0 win against Ruckinge United.

Division Two leaders Mean Machine could not find a way past Village Idiots in a goalless draw, while Projects FC scored only their second point of the season with a 2-2 draw against Annascual Allstars.

The big game tomorrow is in Division One where Bromley Green play Ashford Allstars in a clash of the top two.

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New signing Stuart Thurgood talks about joining the ranks of the Gills

## Sailing to an Olympic sunset

RISING sailing star Sophie Ainsworth has been invited to join the Royal Yachting Association's Olympic development programme.

The Wye-based yachtswomen and her partner Sophie Weguelin are hoping they will feature in future Olympic Games. The RYA development programme aims to guide the youngsters into the elite set up.

The pair have had a successful season picking up the silver medal in the ISAF Youth World Championships in Canada this year.

In their first event after stepping up to the 470 class in September, they managed to claim 10th place in a strong field.





SCORE DRAW: Nicky Humphrey (left) and Rob Denness (right) helped Ashford to a creditable point away at Metropolitan Police, but the team remain in mid-table after their fifth league game without a win

## Boss quits the Gills in hunt for Town's form

A LATE equaliser dashed Ashford Town's hopes of a notable win away to Metropolitan Police and denied Steve Lovell his first win as Nuts and Bolts manager.

Substitute Walid Matata had given the visitors the lead in an entertaining game, but the hosts scored three minutes from time to snatch a point.

Lovell, who watched his side score a late equaliser a week earlier, described the goal as a

He said: "I am disappointed because we created chances and I feel we should have won the

"Walid Matata came on and scored with a good finish and he could have got the winner. We played very well – I thought it was a good game of football produced by both sides."

Ashford gave Jamie Riley, a recent signing from East Thurrock, a debut in goal in the only change from the team that were held at home

#### **FOOTBALL**

BY **TOM HOWARD** 

#### **Metropolitan Police 1 Ashford Town 1**

to Burgess Hill Town in the side's previous

Riley had a busy first half as the home side enjoyed the majority of the chances. He was beaten just before half-time but was

relieved to see Craig Carley's powerful shot rattle the crossbar as the sides went in level at the

Ashford were still on the back foot in the second half, until the introduction of Matata on 66

The striker put the visitors ahead six minutes later, when he played a neat one-two with Mark Lovell before stroking the ball into the net.

It set up the chance of an excellent away win, but Met Police hit back with a period of sustained pressure. Ashford held on until the 88th minute until the hosts claimed a deserved leveller.

Lovell announced after the game he was leaving his job at Gillingham FC's Centre of Excellence at the end of the week.

He said: "I feel I need to put all my efforts into

"Even though it is a part-time job, I feel that I need to put everything into this because they are a very ambitious club.

"I will miss Gillingham, but at the end of the day my main aim is the challenge of getting Ashford moving in the right direction."

Lovell's search for a first win continued last night with a Kent Senior Cup tie against Tonbridge Angels. For the match report visit www.yourashford.co.uk.

On Saturday, Town take on Walton & Hersham at The Homelands as they look for a first league win in six games. Kick-off is at 3pm.

 Ashford's game with Eastbourne Town was postponed last Tuesday due to a waterlogged pitch. The game will be replayed later in the

## First team keep up their perfect league run



**TOP GUNS:** Ashford's first XI (player in black) stayed top with a win against Blackheath

ASHFORD Hockey Club's men's first team kept up their flawless start to the season with their ninth consecutive league win on Saturday.

The 4-2 win against mid-table Blackheath maintained their 100 per cent record, and with closest rivals Worthing only drawing their game, Ashford widened their lead at the top

The players will be brimming with confidence heading into next weekend's away trip to play the bottom side Burnt Ash, where they will look to make it ten wins out of ten in the First XI Kent/Sussex Regional

The club's second team continued their mixed season with a 4-1 defeat at

promotion hopefuls Old Bordenians'

The loss leaves Ashford stranded mid-table in South Open Kent/Sussex division with three wins from their nine league matches.

They are six points clear of the bottom two, but can move up with a win against Burnt Ash second XI on

Ashford's third team missed out on the chance to record their first league win of the season, when their game against struggling Cliftonville was abandoned after half an hour when the floodlights failed.

The match will be replayed later in the season but it leaves Ashford marooned six points adrift at the bottom of the Kent Open Premier A.

The side have another big game on Saturday when they travel to play Holcombe 3B, who are third bottom with two wins all season.

The fourth team slipped off the pace in Kent Open Premier C with a 2-2 draw away at New Becchamian sec-

The result leaves the side fourth, 10 points behind league leaders Gore

They have a good chance to get back to winning ways on Saturday when they play Holcombe 4A, who are third



FIRST WIN: Despite struggling with injuries, Ashford RFC produced their best display of the season, including a try from Trevor Manwara (above), with a comprehensive victory against Askeans

# Relegation battle boost for Ashford

ASHFORD RFC swept aside Askeans with some flowing rugby to record their first league win of the season.

The injury-hit visitors risked being cut adrift at the foot of Kent Division One with another defeat, but they responded with eight different try scorers to lift themselves off the bottom.

Ashford played up the slope and into a strong wind in the first half, but made light work of the disadvantages when Duncan McKay went over in the corner in the second minute.

The early breakthrough spurred Ashford on and they spent long periods camped in the

#### **RUGBY**

#### BY **YOURASHFORD REPORTER**

#### **Askeans O Ashford 44**

Askeans half. Danny Bushell picked up from the back of the scrum to dive over for the second try after 17 minutes to make it 10-0.

The hosts were overwhelmed and were 17-0 down at the break after Paul Curry ended a fluent move which started from inside their own half.

Ashford's best performance of the season was built on solid forward play which gave the

backs a platform to play with freedom for the first time.

With the wind at their backs the visitors extended their lead after the break.

Trevor Manwara, Charlie Vavasour, Owen Roberts, Karl Harding and Pete Walsh all scored tries to rub salt in the Askeans' wounds as Ashford accelerated in the second half.

With five minutes to play, Grant Wilson made his long-awaited return from a back injury, coming on to replace Chris Houghton.

Back-to-back wins could lift Ashford clear of the relegation scrap, and on Saturday they have another basement battle when they host Erith, who are second bottom.

Kick-off at Kinney's Field is at 2.30pm.

## on team of the year award

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**SPORT** IN BRIEF

**Reserves suffer first** 

victory at The Homelands.

**league defeat this season**A LATE second-half goal saw Ashford Town reserves slump to their first league defeat of the season, as Hythe Town secured a 3-2

The visitors took the lead with a successful free-kick and increased their advantage, with a goal against the run of play.

In the second half, Scott Penfold and Chris Shakali brought the scores level, before a defensive lapse led to Hythe breaking the offside trap to snatch the winner.

OLYMPIC yachtswoman Sarah Ayton was nominated with fellow team mates Sarah Webb and Pippa Wilson for the Sunday Times team of the year award.

Yachtswoman misses out

The Ashford-born Ayton is part of the successful Skandia Yngling Team GBR, who have qualified for the Beijing Olympics and will be going for a second gold medal, when the competition begins next summer.

However, in a close competition, Arsenal Ladies football team were awarded the team of the year award, which was presented last Tuesday.

## Town striker Sodje signs on for the Met Police

ASHFORD Town striker Steve Sodje has left The Homelands to join fellow Ryman Division One South club Met Police.

Sodje had made several appearances for the club this season from the substitutes' bench, but has failed to get on the score sheet

Town boss Steve Lovell said: "I knew he wasn't going to fit in my team and the way I like to play so I decided to let him go. I am still looking to try and get another defender and maybe even a striker."

## Road runners ready for 25th anniversary race

ATHLETES from Ashford Road Runners Club will do battle in the Thanet Coastal 10-mile race this Sunday.

This will be the 25th year of the race, which takes place along the promenade at Westgate-on-Sea.

Runners of all abilities over the age of 16 will be competing and everyone who finishes will receive a special 25-year memento. The top three finishers in each category will receive an award. The race begins at 10am at Westgate-on-Sea.

## Cavaliers keep up title charge



**HEADS UP:** Ashford Victoria beat Prince Albert 5-0 to stay top of Division Four

JUSTIN Simmons scored a hat-trick as in-form Ashford Cavaliers kept up their strong challenge in the Ashford & District Sunday League with a 4-2 win against Brewmaster.

In the only other game in the Premier Division, Kennington beat Market Hotel 3-0 to remain in contention.

Tommy Daws netted three goals for Division One leaders Bliby, who had to wait until the second half to overcome spirited resistance from Charing to run out 3-1 winners.

Division Four pace-setters Ashford Victoria continued their formidable form with a 5-0 win against Prince Albert. Jack Bundock was the star as he bagged a hat-trick, with Aaron Cotton and Darrell George also getting on the scoresheet.

Brewmaster reserves were the big winners in the preliminary round of the Sheber Trophy at the weekend, comprehensively beating Highfield Reserves 6-2.

Gary Clayson and Simon Bourne grabbed two goals each en route to a comfortable win as Brewmaster

#### **SUNDAY LEAGUE**

cruised into the next round.

Brabourne overcame Ruckinge United after extra time to record their first win of the season in the most dramatic tie of the round.

With the scores locked at 2-2 after 90 minutes, Ed Purnell and Mark Price scored the goals which could kick-start their season.

In the other Trophy matches, Shadoxhurst beat Mersham Reserves 5-1 and Park Farm Rangers eased past Wve Monarchs Reserves 2-0.

In the Division Two Cup quarterfinals, an Ian Fellows brace helped The Crusader to a 3-0 win against Locomotive Inn. In the last four they will play Market Hotel Reserves, who swept Appledore aside 5-1.

In the other semi-final, Churchill Royals face Bromley Green Reserves.

The Royals beat Highfield 4-2 in an exciting game, and Bromley Green booked their place with a tense 3-2 win against Egerton.





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